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City park plan is updated

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gestion and lights have been a way of life for many years."

It did, however, recommend that land at the park be filled, that the flow of the river be improved, that a new stadium be constructed on the present parking area, the old stadium be converted to parking and that tennis courts, a multiple-use area, basketball courts and more apparatus be added to the park, plus the addition of a small shelter on the adjoining Dewey Playground site.

In recommending better relations between school and park officials, the organization said the present cooperation between the two departments should be extended and formalized.

"This concept would permit full use of schools and school grounds by the community and full use of park and recreation facilities by the schools but without any infringement on the schools' educational program," the report stated.

The Allen firm suggested that the two municipal boards work out an agreement for use of personnel to maintain the joint facilities.

In the same area, the report recommended that a member of the Parks Commission be named to school site selection committees to coordinate future school-park developments, and that not less than 30 acres be acquired for all future elementary school programs and not less than 50 acres for all other school sites.

The report listed a number of proposed new parks and a long list of improvements for existing parks.

The Burgner Farm property on Williams Street was listed for a major project. The recommendation is that 100 of the farm's 200 acres be developed as a district park that would include swimming pools, an artificial ice skating rink with a roof, platform tennis, regular tennis, basketball courts, softball and Little League fields, picnic areas, nature study trails, children's apparatus and horseshoe courts.

Other new parks have been proposed for land at Russell, Tucker, Briggs, Redfield and Rice school sites, all on the assumption that these schools are being phased out and slated for demolition.

The Allen report also proposes acquisition of land for parks and neighborhood centers in the vicinity of South Street and South Mountain Road, the so-called Pittsfield Piggery off Crane Avenue, land in the Yankee Orchard area, land somewhere between South Street and Holmes Road, and a 30-acre parcel off East New Lenox Road.

The report recommended the Lebanon Playground be phased out and activities transferred to the Stearns School site.

Among other recommendations was one calling for the continued study of ways to improve pedestrian access to Park Square and implementing plans to landscape the park.

A number of existing parks were listed for major improvements. The Allen firm would have swimming facilities, parking, multiple-use areas, tennis courts, picnic areas, nature trails for Clapp Park and the construction of an overpass over West Housatonic Street from Pomeroy School to the playground. The study also recommended that an overpass be constructed over Newell Street to give Hibbard School pupils access to Lakewood Playground.

The Allen report noted that it had filed previous plans for improvements at Springside, Burbank and Brattlebrook parks and recommended these programs be pursued as part of the master plan.

In its final observations, the consultants said that while Pittsfield has reasonable amounts of park and recreation land, more is required.

Many of the recommendations for additional facilities were made to encompass land already owned by the city, "but there is still a need to purchase more."

Additional recreational land could be added to the city's inventory, according to the report, by incorporating a zoning provision requiring all subdivision developers to dedicate land in the development for park use by amending the zoning ordinance that would limit building on all flood plain, wetland and waterfront areas.

The report also recommended that a system of fees and charges be established for use of high-cost recreational facilities to offset operation and maintenance costs of free facilities; that neighborhood recreational organizations be encouraged and that the submitted plan be restudied and updated at intervals of not more than five years.

The study made no mention of costs of its programs.

Hebert estimated implementation of the master plan probably would run from $5 million to $8 million over a 15-year period.

The study pointed out that the Allen Organization has been associated with parks and recreation projects in Pittsfield for many years. It first prepared a master plan for the city in 1947 and has done subsequent studies on master plans for Springside, Coolidge, Wild Acres Sanctuary and Brattlebrook Park. In addition, the firm prepared the master plan for the YMCA's Ponterril facility and engineered the swimming pool for that project.

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Meeting slated Feb. 26 on parks' master plan

A public meeting to discuss the update master plan for Pittsfield parks will be held by the Park Commission on Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall, Park Supt. Vincent J. Hebert has announced.

The long-range plan, designed by the Allen Organization of Copake, N.Y., was submitted to the park commissioners last month. It recommended the development of new and existing parks as well as the acquisition of the controversial Camp Onota property.

At its Monday night meeting the Park Commission heard Hebert's recommendations for park work that might qualify for funding through the new Job Opportunity Program, Title 3, of the Emergency Job and Unemployment Assistance Act. Hebert's list of recommendations were in response to a request by Mayor Evan S. Dobelle for information.

Among the recommendations was a funding request for implementation of the Allen report's comprehensive plan.

Hebert also reported he had requested funds for construction of a new park shelter, roadway improvements, sewer, water and electrical services for the children's zoo in Springside Park.

A third area needing funds, Hebert said, is the Pittsfield Common. Improvements needed there include reconstruction of three playing fields, new walkways, a new lighting system, fencing and extensive tree planting and landscaping, he said.

In other action at the meeting at Springside House the board:

—Received a petition from Councilman J. Francis Senger requesting that a parking lot be constructed at Clapp Park in an area that wouldn't interfere with playground activities. The commission agreed that parking facilities are vitally needed and asked Hebert to prepare a plan and review it with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for its consideration.

—Granted a request of the Pittsfield Permanent Firemen's Association for use of Wahconah Park for its annual muster to be held June 27 through July 4. The permit requires that the association maintain the grounds and provide adequate police protection during the muster.

—Heard Hebert report on a new design, suggested by the state to reduce construction cost for the proposed fishing pier at Onota Lake. Hebert reported that a new design would mean new borings to determine the feasibility of constructing bearing piles to support the pier. He said an architect would be consulted on the matter this week.

—Reviewed a petition to flood Osceola Park for skating. Hebert said that flooding is under way but had been delayed because of a puddling problem on one side of the rink.

—Reviewed a sketch and specifications concerning the removal of a section of the track curb at Clapp Park and its replacement with a different type of edging. Hebert was asked to conduct further study and report his findings at the next meeting.

—Heard a report of the findings and recommendations of an engineer who inspected the children's ski tows at Osceola and Springside parks and authorized Hebert to make the desired improvements. It is expected that the ski tows will be inspected annually from now on in compliance with a ruling by the state Department of Public Safety's recreational tramway board.

FEB 21 1975

City urged to press for $400,000 in aid

Councilman Peter G. Arlos is urging the mayor and the City Council to press for release of $400,000 in state funds that would be used to develop and improve Burbank Park.

The money was committed for the project in 1967 by the state Department of Public Works, but its release was made contingent upon relocation of Lakeway Drive.

In a petition filed with the Council, Arlos argues that the recent extension of Valentine Road and the proposed closing of a portion of Lakeway Drive "would seem to meet the requirements of the DPW."

Accordingly, he said he would ask the Council to direct Mayor Dobelle and Vincent J. Hebert, superintendent of the Department of Parks and Recreation, to urge the state to "live up to its commitments."

Students named for positions on Govt. Day

Mayor Dobelle yesterday announced the names of 12 high school students selected as winners in the citywide Government Day competition.

The students, all of whom submitted essays suggesting changes in the operation of city government, will spend Friday, Feb. 28, working with the top administrators in each of the city's major departments.

Chosen to work with the mayor is Elizabeth Dolan of Pittsfield High School. Other winners, and the departments in which they will work, are as follows:

Diane Carey, St. Joseph's High School, Parks and Recreation; Catherine Levering, Pittsfield High School, Administrative Services; David Widitor, Pittsfield High, the assessors' office; Thomas Lussier, St. Joseph's, the Department of Public Works.

Other winners, all from St. Joseph's, include Walter DiNicola, Forestry; Michael Downing, Veterans' Service; Denise Forcier, Police; Roberta Reilly, Fire Department; Joseph Howe, Sanitation; John McGuigan, city solicitor's office; Joseph Trzcinka, wire inspector's office.

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City Council to take up proposal for ice rink

The City Council this evening will consider Councilman Robert F. Jakubowicz's proposal to ask the state to build an ice-skating rink planned for Lee in Pittsfield instead.

Jakubowicz argues that the need is in Pittsfield, not Southern Berkshire. But Southern Berkshire was specifically earmarked as the location by the legislature and any change would require legislative action.

The rink at the Boys' Club, which is the only one in Pittsfield, is so heavily used now that on weekends it only shuts down from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m.

The state allocated $1.2 million for the rink last year but some observers feel it might fall victim to Gov. Dukakis's economy campaign. Sen. John H. Fitzpatrick of Stockbridge has cautioned that to reconsider the rink's location might spell its defeat.

Fuel-loan program

At its regular meeting tonight, to be held at 7:30 in City Hall, the Council will also consider Councilman Paul E. Brindle's effort to gain reconsideration of municipal funding for an emergency fuel-loan program. It was knocked down by the Council last month on a 9-2 vote.

Brindle is calling for a public hearing on the subject Feb. 25.

Also before the Council this evening will be Councilman Peter G. Arlos's proposal to eliminate special elections as the means of filing mid-term vacancies in the School Committee and City Council.

Arlos is asking that the voters be given a chance to pick one of two alternatives that he wants placed on the ballot in the November election.

The first referendum question, which Arlos said he preferred, would be for a procedure in which the next highest vote-getter in the election for the office in which the vacancy occurs would automatically fill the vacancy. If no defeated candidate is willing to serve, the mayor, who is also the School Committee chairman, would choose a replacement, on approval of the respective body.

Second choice

The second choice would be for a return to the convention system employed in Pittsfield before a charter change in 1965. Council vacancies would be filled by conventions of the Council, and School Committee vacancies would be filled by conventions of both the Council and School Committee, each presided over by the mayor.

Arlos is also asking that Rep. Joseph S. Scelsi of Pittsfield file special legislation at the Statehouse to get the questions on next fall's ballot as referendums.

Another item coming up at this evening's Council meeting is a petition by former Councilwoman Mary L. Murphy to give Public Buildings Supt. Harold T. Grandshaw tenure. He is now subject, like a number of other department heads, to reappointment every two years by the mayor.

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Pittsfield gives up on ice rink

The Pittsfield City Council last night decisively defeated a bid to locate the state-financed $1.2 million ice-skating rink in Pittsfield instead of Lee.

Councilman Peter G. Arlos, who is also a county commissioner, argued that such a move would amount to larceny by Pittsfield of a project that South Berkshire communities worked hard to get.

Robert F. Jakubowicz, the city councilman who had made the relocation proposal, disputed Arlos's contention and asked that the Council discuss the proposal with area legislators.

But on a 9-1 vote the Council emphatically decided not to pursue the proposal.

Lee Selectman Martin Deely told the Council that he is "scared to death" that any interference in the rink's plans would result in its scrapping by an economy conscious governor.

Deely described the rink as "an impossible dream" of South Berkshire Communities and urged the Council not to introduce an effort to relocate it in Pittsfield.

FEB 15 1975

Mayor asks park board to study convention center-rink proposal

By Grier Horner

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle is asking the Park Commission to explore the possibility of building a combined convention center and hockey rink here.

"We have to closely examine the costs and funding possibilities in these times," Dobelle cautioned.

But he also said it might prove possible that the facility could come close to paying its own way through fees charged for its use.

Meeting scheduled

Dobelle has asked Park Commissioner Roger Sloper to invite interested public officials to the March 3 Park Commission meeting to explore the issue.

Among those who will be invited, Dobelle said, is Councilman Robert F. Jakubowicz, who has been pushing for a hocky rink for the city. The Council this week rejected Jakubowicz's bid to get the state to reconsider its planned construction of a rink in Lee. The councilman had argued that the city's only rink, the one at the Boys' Club, was "overtaxed." Demand for its use is so heavy that on weekends it is open 19 hours at a stretch.

Dobelle last spring had told a testimonial dinner for the Pittsfield High School championship hockey team that he was going to pursue construction of a rink.

At that time, however, he was talking about a facility with a roof but no sides.

Since then his idea of what the rink should be has changed.

Now Dobelle envisions an enclosed center that could accommodate conventions, concerts, and other large events as well as hockey and ice skating.

The mayor believes that the city is going to need a central facility for large audiences in order to continue attracting convention trade here. He points to the fact that under the Pittsfield High renovation that school's new auditorium will only have seating for 400 people.

While educators consider that sufficient for the school's needs, Dobelle points out that it will mean there will be no large auditorium other than the Boys' Club's in the central part of the city. He sees this as a deterrent to the convention trade that has been generated by construction of the Colonial Hilton motor inn here.

Dobelle said that there may be some state or federal funds available for such a project and that the city might be able to use some federal revenue-sharing or community-development funding.

At the Pittsfield High hockey banquet last year he had said, "I'd love to build a full-fledged arena, but we can't afford it."

Now he's not so sure.

In addition, from comments made by councilmen mulling over the Jakubowicz proposal, Dobelle sensed that a number of them might be interested in building a municipal rink.

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BURGNER PROPERTY development proposal, embodied in the above drawing by the Allen Organization will be considered at a public meeting on the Allen firm's master plan for municipal parks tomorrow night at City Hall. The drawing shows about 100 acres of the 200-acre tract being used as a park. Tonight, the City Council will get a Planning Board proposal also to use the land as housing.

City parks' master plan to be aired

Cost estimates for the updated master plan for Pittsfield parks will be revealed at the Park Commission's public meeting on the plan tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.

Park Supt. Vincent J. Hebert said that, besides discussing proposed costs, the meeting will have three main objectives: to present the Allen Organization's comprehensive park and recreation plan to those who have not seen it, to hear the ideas and suggestions of city officials and the public and to enlist community support for implementation of the plan.

The meeting will be chaired by Roger B. Sloper, chairman of the Park Commission. Hebert, with the assistance of his staff, will present the plan.

To set priorities for the projects, Hebert said public opinion is wanted. He said those who attend the meeting are also welcome to offer suggestions for additional recreational programs and park facilities.

In Brief . . .

Vin Hebert rates a salute for his all-out effort to sell the updated master plan for Pittsfield parks and recreation. He is frank enough to refer to it as "pie in the sky" but still capable of rhapsodizing about "an emerald chain of parks." And so it might well become over the 15-year development period outlined, which ought to be long enough to make the $5 million to $8 million cost manageable.

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Daniel Lee, former head of parks board

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Daniel R. Lee, 65, of 28 Congress St., a former chairman of the Parks Commission, died Saturday at the Pittsfield General Unit, BMC.

Lee first joined the Parks Commission in 1952, and was elected to the one-year post of chairman of the board in 1955 and again in 1959. He resigned from the commission in 1964.

He worked for the General Electric Co. for 45 years, retiring in April after serving as manager of drafting in the power transformer department and more recently, manager of documentation control in the ordnance department.

A native of Pittsfield and a graduate of St. Joseph's High School, he was a member of Sacred Heart Church and the General Electric Quarter Century and Pensioners clubs.

Besides his wife, the former Helen Dowling, he is survived by five sons, Detective Gerald M. Lee of the Pittsfield Police Department, Robert E., John A. and David R. Lee, all of Pittsfield and Richard J. Lee of Audubon, N.J., and a brother Charles Lee of Holyoke.

Services will be tomorrow morning at 9:30 from the Haughey Funeral Home with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 at Sacred Heart Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Tunnel under Park Square, one-way arteries eyed by Dobelle as means to unsnarl traffic

By Grier Horner

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle today unveiled his own concept for solving Pittsfield's internal traffic problems. They include conversion of a pair of north-south roadways to one-way traffic and tunneling under Park Square.

His ideas, which he is going to try out on a host of city officials Monday, came on the heels of what may have been the death blow to the proposed Route 7 bypass by the City Council.

The Dobelle plan — or some other plan the city comes up with — may "negate the need for a bypass," in the mayor's view.

Dobelle said he believes an idea like his is going to be needed to "preserve downtown" in both its cultural and economic aspects.

In announcing his concept — and he said it is just an idea he wants professionals to react to — Dobelle chalked his plans on a large green "blackboard" newly moved to his office.

Basically, the Dobelle plan has these points:

—Tunneling West Street under Park Square to join East Street and take the heavy east-west traffic out of the present Park Square congestion.

—Grassing out Park Square where the current encircling roadways are, leaving only a narrow concrete strip for emergency vehicles.

—Taking much of the northbound traffic off North and South streets by funneling them off onto a one-way system that would include Wendell Avenue and First Street.

—Taking much of the southbound traffic off North and South streets by funneling it off onto another one-way system including Seymour Street and Center Street. This would require a cut through linking Center to Seymour.

—Converting the juncture of North and South streets at Park Square to a straight-through situation. Northbound traffic now has to go around the park. Dobelle would limit use of this intersection to peak traffic hours. At lower-use hours the intersection would be for pedestrians only.

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Dobelle said two of the beauties of his plan would increase the size of the park in the center of the city and open up the core to pedestrians.

His is not the first proposal to tunnel under Park Square. It has been talked of from time to time over the years. Dobelle said he had been unaware of those proposals.

When he told City Auditor Anthony W. Sottile about his idea, Sottile smiled. He said he had proposed the same thing himself years ago.

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The one-way systems have been talked of for perhaps 15 years, Dobelle said. Among the most recent advocates have been Mrs. Linda Pelletier, an anti-bypass activist, and Councilman Charles L. Smith.

Dobelle indicated his concept is pretty much a trial balloon and said he hoped it would stimulate additional proposals. He said he is going to meet with the Council soon after his meeting with city officials.

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Don't tunnel — move the park

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Mayor Dobelle's proposal [*Eagle*, Jan. 24] for a tunnel under Park Square would cost a great deal of money. I believe a better solution would be to push the park and the statue over to Bank Row, so that West Street and East Street are in line with each other.

Then we could do away with the Park Square merry-go-around and those foolish islands. There could be one big traffic signal for north, south, east and west traffic, with turn lanes to keep right-hand traffic moving at all times.

We also should get the legislature to let us cut off some land in front of the courthouse to remove the bottleneck that now exists there.

I know that some in Ward 4 will jump on my neck for these suggestions, but we are in the 20th century now and you cannot stop progress.

JOHN J. CALLAGHAN
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Summer help is sought by Park Dept.

The Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that application forms are available for part-time summer employment on the playground and aquatic staffs. Requirements for these positions follow:

Playgrounds — Pittsfield residents only, age 17 or over.

Aquatics — Pittsfield residents only, age 17 or over. Applicants must have current American Red Cross senior lifesaving certificates and standard first aid training. They also must have 20/20 vision without corrective lenses.

The application forms are available at the department's offices at 874 North St. Deadline for submission is Monday, March 18, at 5 p.m.

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Park Square tunnel cost said $20 million

To join West Street and East Street by tunnelling under Park Square would cost $10 million to $20 million, state Highway Engineer Dean P. Amidon estimates.

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle has proposed the tunnel as a trial balloon to stimulate highway improvement ideas.

Dobelle said today he hopes Amidon's estimate is too high. If is is not, however, Dobelle said it was conceivable that federal funding might make the tunnel possible.

The tunnel would be built not by boring but by excavating and then filling. Amidon believes it would have to be 1,000 to 2,000 feet long.

Dobelle has indicated that if the tunnel was impractical he might be forced to consider shifting the park to the south side of the square to eliminate the Park Square traffic tangle.

Preserving Park Square

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The Berkshire Garden Club proposal to preserve Pittsfield's oval-shaped park by moving it out of the way of traffic deserves both a civic Thank You and a lot more study.

As a saver of history, trees, and greenery, it has merit — despite its concession to the auto in the form of parking lots for 16 cars. But whether it would improve or worsen the traffic snarl is a considerable question. As delineated, it would replace the existing flow separation at the West Street corner with a four-way intersection having traffic making every possible turn — all eight of them, and some on a slant, to boot. The result might be a great deal of costly reshuffling without producing (as Mayor Dobelle remarked yesterday) any major improvement in traffic flow or any significant addition to the size of the park.

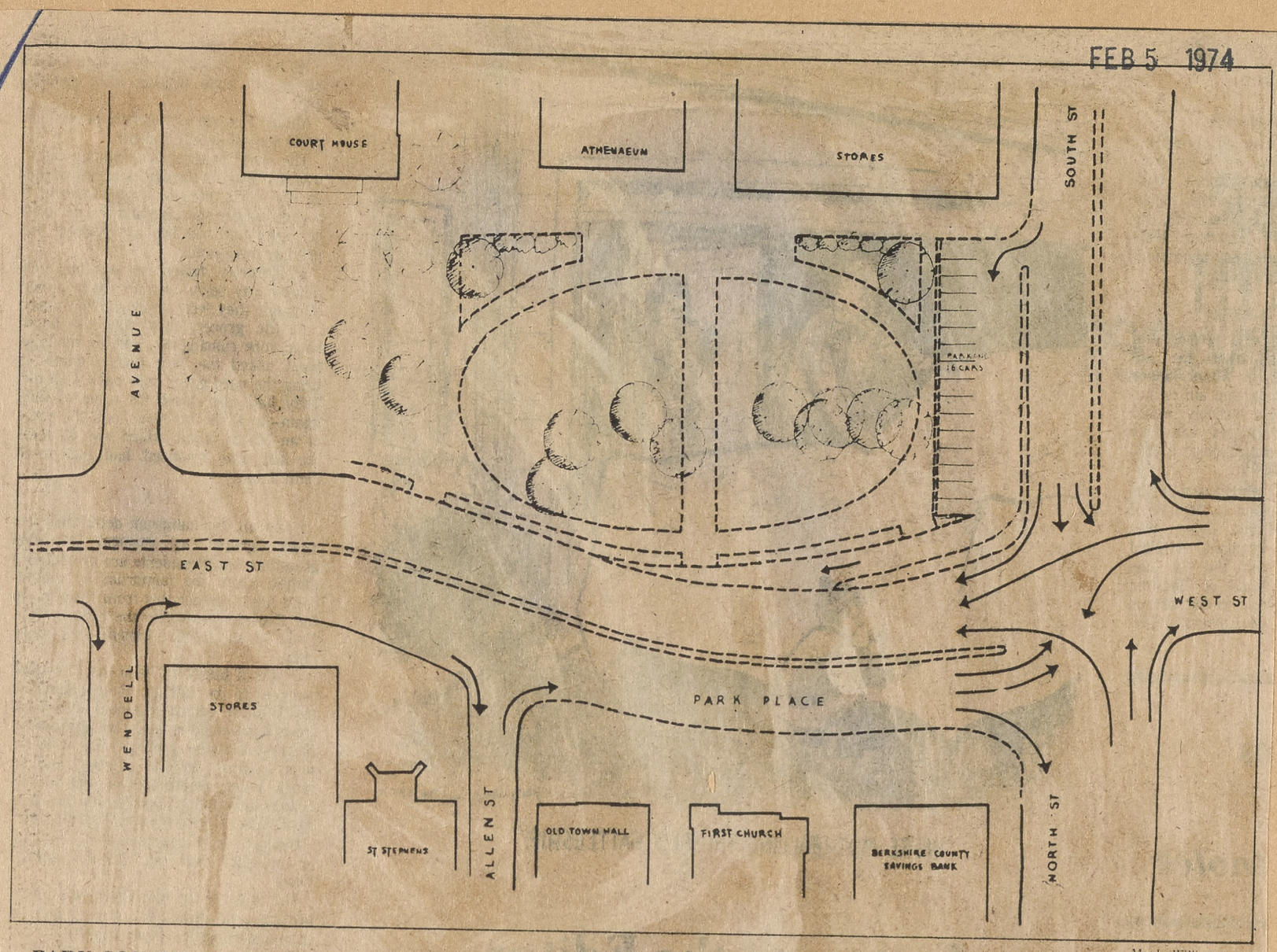
More likely than other approaches — if Park Square is to be cherished as an oasis — is some rethinking that will siphon east-west through traffic and perhaps some of the north-south flow away from the heart of the downtown. The new line-up of Central Berkshire labor, industry and commercial groups in favor of a modified Route 7 bypass appears to give a badly needed shot in the arm to this concept.

What the new alliance seeks, of course, is both jobs and a better road system for the benefit of freight-moving manufacturers and car-driving shoppers. Those are proper concerns. They also serve community objectives which, if accomplished, can keep heavy trucks and other through traffic from mingling with downtown shopping and commuting traffic. That should go far to take the pressure off Park Square and help preserve it.

As long as state public works officials were adamant in contending that a Route 7 bypass would have to be a double-barreled, limited-access super-road with a 300-foot right-of-way and extensive land-takings, the prospects for local acceptance of the concept seemed exceedingly slim. But now that there is some assurance of funding for a modified concept that would get through traffic out of the downtown area without land-gobbling cloverleafs and wholesale dislocations of west-side residential patterns, the picture has changed markedly.

With both the state highway establishment and local bypass supporters ready to proceed on the basis of such a scaled-down approach to the problem, it becomes more than ever incumbent upon the City Council to reconsider its 7-4 vote of two weeks ago against any new construction whatever along the proposed west-side corridor. If Pittsfield's traffic problems are to be dealt with effectively and comprehensively, the door to the bypass alternative must not be slammed shut prematurely.

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Map by William Sosa

PARK SQUARE RELOCATION plan has been submitted to Mayor Dobelle by the Berkshire Garden Club. Park would be pushed over to the library side of the street and merged with the Courthouse lawn. Dotted oval represents park's proposed new location. The other dotted lines represent traffic islands and curbs, and the arrows depict new traffic pattern for intersection.

Southward move proposed for Park Square

Garden Club plan aims for improvement, preservation

By Grier Horner

The Berkshire Garden Club is proposing that the park in Park Square be shifted about 50 feet toward the Berkshire Athenaeum "to remove it from its present traffic circle location."

Two purposes

In the club's view, moving the park as a bicentennial project would serve two purposes. By simplifying the traffic pattern there, the club believes the park would be saved from future "disaster" at the hands of road-builders. And, if effect, by anchoring this island park to the mainland the park would be more accessible and more enjoyable for public use.

Long Pittsfield's focal point, the historic park had its origins in the mid-1700s and was the city's first public park.

Mrs. Edgar M. Buttenheim, chairman of the club's Garden Committee, presented the preliminary plans drawn by three local architects to Mayor Evan S. Dobelle yesterday afternoon.

Dobelle has suggested the possibility of retaining and enlarging the existing park by tunneling East Street under the park to meet West Street.

Mayor comments

The mayor has said that he would consider the club's proposal if his own tunneling plan proved infeasible. Today, however, Dobelle commented that he was "not convinced that the club's plan would really alleviate the downtown traffic crunch." Dobelle said he is keeping an open mind on the proposal but added, "It doesn't appear to really solve our problems, and it doesn't increase the park space. It just moves it."

That proposal has the backing of the city's Historical Commission and Donald S. Smith, executive director of the Berkshire Historical Society.

"So long as it is not reduced in size and the integrity of the oval is not destroyed, the Historical Commission sees no objection to the concept," Chairman Samuel Sass said yesterday.

Smith commented, "Preservationists get along better if they make some compromises, rather than being purists."

"As traffic becomes more intense," Smith said, "my fear is that people will become so upset they will opt to get rid of the park completely."

From a traffic standpoint, the plan has what the Garden Club and a number of municipal officials consider the advantage of allowing a straight - through connection of East and West streets instead of the existing circular pattern.

The club last spring raised funds to commission architects Ronald B. Delove, Jonathan Rose of Prentice Bradley Associates and Mrs. Margaret Lewis to work on the project.

To retain size, shape

The preliminary plan submitted to Dobelle envisions retaining the park's present size and using paths to retain its present oval shape "for its historic associations and esthetic quality."

Mrs. Buttenheim said she hoped that the final park plan could "include the green lawn in front of the courthouse." She pointed out that a chunk of that lawn is to be lost to an East Street traffic flow improvement project currently being planned by the city and state. The Garden Club plan would eliminate that loss, she said.

Mrs. Lewis said two 30-inch elms would be lost in the relocation but the park's largest tree, a 48-inch elm, would be preserved.

The Historical Society's Smith refers to the current park as "an island in a sea of exhaust."

The park was originally located where it is because of a giant elm that stood in its center. After being cleft by lightning, the elm was cut down in 1864. Now that the tree is gone, Smith said, relocating the park "would not really violate anything of historical importance as long as its size and general shape are retained."

Park Square started in the mid-1700s as a triangular village green. It apparently took its oval shape in the mid-1800s.

The Marquis de Lafayette and Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr. appeared there for official functions. Troops for several wars mustered there. Mohegan Indians once tried to burn Isabel Walton there but she was saved by a detachment of French under the command of Lt. Pierre Lanaudiniere, whom she later married. Mrs. Lucretia Williams once saved the giant elm, to which the Walton girl had been bound, by placing her body between the tree and the axman.

In recent years the park has been the scene of Vietnam peace vigils, an anti-bypass rally and other events. A bright light was installed in the center several years ago to deter young people who, officials thought, were passing drugs and marijuana there.



Park Square from atop the Pittsfield National Bank

Joel Librizzi

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The problem with Park Square

Picking priorities: the pedestrian or the motor vehicle

By Charles Bonenti

A proposal by the Berkshire Garden Club this week to relieve downtown traffic congestion in Pittsfield by anchoring the Park Square green to the library side of the city's major crossroads deserves serious consideration if only for its intent to increase pedestrian use of the park.

Big public spaces are at a premium in Pittsfield. Unfortunately here, as in many American cities pedestrians have been fighting a losing battle to maintain their own rights-of-way over the automobile. The solution to urban traffic woes has invariably been one of widening roads at the expense of pedestrian spaces.

The tradeoff is happening every day. And given a token space to call his own, as compensation for losing out to the automobile elsewhere, the pedestrian, more often than not ends up with second-best — like the new and costly Liberty Mall, a windswept, inhospitable slab of majestic proportions.

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One can only hope plans now in the works for a public plaza at the intersection of Eagle and North streets will result in a far more sensitive solution than has been achieved at Liberty Mall — and for good reason. The Eagle Street corner with its railroad bridge balustrade has long been a congregating point for teen-agers and old-timers alike.

Its proximity to the Pipe and Package Store and the Bridge Diner, both of which invite leisurely pedestrian use, as well as its frequent service as a pickup or dropoff point for automobile passengers, have kept this intersection alive as one of Pittsfield's few outdoor gathering places. These features could easily be enhanced or swept away by altering the layout of the corner.

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The Park Square green, downtown's only significant open space could similarly be enhanced or destroyed by tinkering with the balance of pedestrian and traffic use that exists now.

Right now, the park is frequented in warm weather by office workers on their lunch breaks, elderly citizens taking the sun and young people in search of a patch of grass.

What has kept the park from becoming a more widely used pedestrian refuge is the maelstrom of motor traffic that encircles it day and night. Few mothers would permit their youngsters to play catch on this glorified rotary while an oldster has to muster all his agility to run the three-lane encirclement before a network of traffic signals unleashes the next wave of vehicles.

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The Berkshire Garden Club proposal, a collaborative effort by Pittsfield-based architects Robert B. Deloye, Jonathan Rose of Prentice Bradley Associates and Mrs. Margaret Lewis, would see the oval park moved slightly south and the Athenaeum side of the Square turned over to pedestrian use.

Mrs. Edgar M. Buttenheim, chairman of the club's Garden Committee, in presenting the plan to Mayor Dobelle this week, said she envisioned a continuous stretch of lawn, laced with pedestrian walks, from Wendell Avenue to South Street. Outdoor book fairs, concerts and art exhibits are among the cultural activities the Garden Club predicts we will see more of if the revision is allowed.

Indications are, however, that the plan is already facing an uphill battle. The mayor's response has been lukewarm, at best, and questions have already been raised as to whether the proposal will really solve any traffic problems at all. To boot, critics are already protesting that the alternation will destroy what people have come to regard as the historic, oval axis of the city.

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What is distressing about this kind of recreation is its apparent disregard for pedestrian needs and amenities in the city. A preoccupation with layouts, turns and traffic flows will, as past experience elsewhere has shown, only generate more downtown traffic and hasten the erosion of whatever green space is left downtown. The process is usually slow but insidious.

Historical arguments, valid in some cases, can also prove a rigid bulwark against needed change.

Where the Park Square plan does fall down is in its apparent failure to treat the square as a complete architectural unit. We see a great deal of energy devoted to the enhancement of the Athenaeum side but an alarming "once over" given to the Old Town Hall side. The Old Town Hall, First Baptist Church and Berkshire County Savings Bank form the "fouth wall" as it were, to the square.

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Unless a strong visual link is established between this wall and the main body of the park across the highway, we lose the sense of enclosure that makes squares what they are and end up instead with a three-sided stage set.

Too, the idea of a parking lot at the South Street end of the park is pure tokenism, an obvious ploy to quell arguments over the sacrifice of existing parking spaces.

A much better solution would be to keep the circular drive in front of the Athenaeum open to traffic and parking, but on a limited basis.

This might be accomplished not through signs and barricades, but by paving the drive in rough stone to discourage casual use by motorists, but still allow those who have specific business at the library or adjoining shops to park their vehicles temporarily.

The drive would be roped off during exhibits or other outdoor functions and yet at all times allow pedestrians a safe crossover or walkway.

The Berkshire Garden Club proposal comes at a time when we must all be thinking about preserving the urban assets Pittsfield still has left. Its greatest merit is in at last recognizing the importance of the pedestrian. If it falls down in the narrowness of its scope, we can only applaud a move that attempts to give people an edge over the automobile.

Don't move park, merge the grass

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Pittsfield should be grateful for the efforts of the Berkshire Garden Club in forwarding improvement of the appearance and use of Park Square and its tangled traffic.

As described by Mrs. Leonard Whipple [Letters, Feb. 15], the club envisions a considerably larger and more decorative park which would incorporate the Courthouse lawn with an oval similar to the present one.

All of this, however, would require the bodily transfer of the present park at least 50 feet south and fairly close to the Bank Row sidewalk — pinching off traffic there and transferring eastbound cars to the north side of the new oval.

The club's proposal to move the present park, with the unavoidable sacrifice of the larger trees, is facing increased objections. All the desirable advantages which would follow implementation of the club's plan could be realized without moving the present park a single foot.

Merging the Courthouse lawn with the grassed oval in its present position, by means of a broad isthmus of lawn, with paths and plantings, would cause much less disruption and only a fraction of the cost.

There is now a wide, paved area south of the oval, sufficient to provide two-way traffic in Bank Row, to and from South Street, with parking on both sides. Only one side provides parking now.

All those for whom tradition has meaning would be happier with the soldier guardian standing where he is.

C. E. MOORE
183 Melbourne Road
Pittsfield

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PRA okays $4,000 contract for improving Pitt Park

The Pittsfield Redevelopment Authority has approved a $4,000 contract with Pittsfield architect - engineer Robert B. Deloye to do the design work for the authority's planned refurbishing of Pitt Park.

The actual park improvements, which have been planned for more than a year under the PRA's "second stage" redevelopment program, will include an estimated $43,000 worth of landscaping and new and restored playground equipment.

According to Alan P. Hoban, the authority's executive director, work on the Pitt Park program will probably not begin until September "so that the children's playing season there won't be interrupted by construction work." He added Wednesday that the contract will probably go out to public bid in May or June.

Small portion of total plan

The park rehabilitation work represents only a small portion of the authority's second-stage redevelopment program, which runs from July of last year to June 1974. The bulk of that federally funded $486,000 effort involves repair and reconstruction to four city streets: Columbus Avenue between Onota Street and Dewey Avenue, Gilbert Street between Onota and John streets, and West Union Street between Onota and John.

Planning for the street repair work is being handled by the city's Department of Public Works. Hoban said today that the work should move from the design to the construction stage this July "if everything clicks the way we expect it to."

One project uncertain

One PRA project that might not click as expected is the proposed road repair of Circular Avenue — the area designated last month as the main beneficiary of the authority's stage-three program.

Hoban said that "uncertainty" in federal funding for the effort might force the PRA to scale down its plan. The authority faced much the same problem last year when its budget was trimmed by more than 40 per cent over 1972.

The Circular Avenue target area is tentatively bound by Francis Avenue on the east, West Street on the south, and Columbus Avenue on the north.

Pittsfield North Egremont

FEB 15 1974

More Garden Club plans for park

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Berkshire Garden Club members are pleased with the response to our proposal for the reconstruction of Park Square [*Eagle*, Feb. 5]. We have been encouraged by comments from many individuals, almost all of them favorable.

I would like to clarify a few points. The plan we submitted in response to Mayor Dobelle's request for suggestions of possible ways to improve traffic in Pittsfield was just that: a traffic proposal and not a finished design for the park.

Our architects are working on a park design which will be submitted to the city when complete. It will certainly be a larger park than the present one, as it will incorporate an oval of the same size into a park area which will include the lawn in front of the courthouse and most of East Street on the Bank Row side.

Obviously there cannot then be much park area between the street and the buildings on the Park Place side (there is none at all there now), but we do envision a planted green strip 10 to 15 feet wide between sidewalk and street from in front of the Old Town Hall to the corner of North Street, and this could be wider beside the Berkshire County Savings Bank where the present sidewalk is a very wide 25 feet. In addition, similar lighting and paving could relate this side of East Street to the new park.

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As a traffic plan, we do not suggest that this design solves all the problems of this intersection, although we do believe it an improvement on the present confusing and dangerous rotary pattern.

We hope that additional plans will change Pittsfield's traffic patterns in other ways, diverting some traffic away from this area.

There is no "perfect" solution to any traffic problem, only balancing of traffic needs with other needs — needs of pedestrians, needs for parking, needs for recreation, esthetic needs, needs of the taxpayers. We believe our plan is a good reconciliation of all of these often conflicting needs in the Park Square area.

Regarding the needs of the taxpayer, we understand that most of the renovation we are suggesting could be met with state and federal funds.

Mrs. LEONARD A. WHIPPLE
President
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State Road
Richmond

FEB 19 1974

'Pittsfield has spark--don't move the park!'

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

It is time for us to stop and take a good look at our lovely little park in the center of Pittsfield and stop the current movement under way to move it, "just a little bit."

The park is lovely and perfect just where it is now, and I doubt that going around the oval is an inconvenience to anyone.

It is a bright spot in the criss-cross of modern roadways and the serenity it presents is a welcome relief to both traveler and city dweller.

How lucky we are to have that delightful patch of greenery in the center of our city. It must not be moved, it belongs where it is!

For once, let's not destroy by moving or changing something which most of us hold dear.

I wish that, like Lucretia Williams in Grier Horner's column in the Feb. 16 *Eagle*, I could place myself in the park and thereby stop the action, but I'm sure my employer would take a dim view of my absence from work. Perhaps, instead, we can start a "Save the Park" movement.

But the people of Pittsfield must speak out. Too often we sit back until the damage is done and then wish we had done something to help the cause. Let's hear it *now!*

PITTSFIELD HAS SPARK — DON'T MOVE THE PARK!

(Mrs.) MARILYN J. CAMPBELL
115 Crane Ave.
Pittsfield

Space on city's parklands offered to local gardeners

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle plans to make city parkland available to Pittsfield residents for vegetable gardens this spring to help them beat the high cost of food.

Dobelle announced today that Frank A. Skogsberg, retired county extension agent, and former Mayor Robert B. Dillon, a gardening enthusiast, will coordinate the program.

No charge

If there is sufficient response from the public — a coupon is included here for those interested — Dobelle said the program will be instituted. There would be no charge for the garden plots.

Under the program training would be available both to those who grow their gardens on city land and those growing gardens in their own backyards. This assistance would come from the county Extension Service.

The mayor's office said that, ideally, neighborhood plots could be developed at various city parks to avoid transportation problems. But the possibility of a larger garden — perhaps on the city-owned Burgner Farm on outer Williams Street — is also under consideration.

Assisting Skogsberg and Dillon with the project are Vincent J. Hebert of the city Park Department, Dick L. Boyce of the Berkshire County Extension Service and Richard Smith, work-release supervisor of the county House of Correction.

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Letters to the Editor

Elkanah and Park Square

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Members of the Berkshire Garden Club with a yen to *do* something have started a "move the park" plan. I have noted several protests thereto in *The Eagle*, including Grier Horner's Feb. 16 column, "A job for Lucretia."

Something overlooked by all is that the park ought to be — and has been talked about as — a National Historic Site. Elkanah Watson exhibited merino sheep there in 1807 to persuade farmers to raise an improved variety of wool.

That date and that site, near Park Square's Old Elm, have been heralded as the birthday and the birthplace of the agricultural fair. In 1938, a bronze tablet was erected at the east end of the park to commemorate the event and to honor Elkanah Watson for his founding of the Berkshire Agricultural Society in 1811.

As a great - great - great granddaughter of Dorothy Deming, the first white child born in Pittsfield, I wish to add my protest to the proposed desecration of our lovely center.

HELEN PARKER PURDY
923 West 17th St.
Bradenton, Fla.

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FEB 25 1974

There's little doubt that Project Green Thumb will provide burgeoning evidence of popularity for Mayor Dobelle's plan to open city parkland free to vegetable gardeners. The need is clear, because of inflation, and the price is right. If it works, the project might suggest to the Pittsfield Housing Authority and private builders that gardening space around all multiple-unit housing is a must — not just as an amenity but as an economic asset too.

City gardening project stirs 139 responses

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Project Green Thumb, Mayor Evan S. Dobelle's plan to make city parkland available for vegetable gardens, already has harvested a bumper crop of gardeners.

Mrs. Diane C. Jackman, Dobelle's administrative services director, says 139 applications for garden space were received following announcement of the program on Feb. 22.

"I think it's a fantastic response," Mrs. Jackman said today.

Next week the officials working on the program hope to determine what parkland should be made available for the gardens.

Among the applicants for garden space was EPIC, the local drug rehabilitation center. Another applicant offered to help with the plowing.

The program is still open to additional gardeners, Mrs. Jackman said. She said persons who want to grow a garden on city land, or want advice on growing one on their own land, should write: Project Green Thumb, P.O. Box 511, Pittsfield.

Mrs. Jackman said it would be appreciated if expressions of interest are submitted before next Thursday.

Coordinators of the project are Frank A. Skogsberg, retired county extension agent, and former Mayor Robert B. Dillon, a gardening enthusiast.

Parks superintendent is in hospital

MAR 14 1974

Vincent J. Hebert, Department of Parks and Recreation superintendent, is in good condition at Berkshire Medical Center's Pittsfield General unit, where he is undergoing tests.

He was taken to the hospital Monday after suffering chest pains and was released from the coronary-care section yesterday. Mrs. Hebert said he is remaining in the hospital for observation.

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VIN HEBERT, the highly-capable and personable superintendent of parks, is the latest victim of a heart attack. Vin carried a heavy load for too long a period and now he will have to slow up a bit. Back in the late 1930s Vin was a Hyannis State College contemporary of Ed Grady, director of athletics and physical education in the public school system.

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Marchesi rejects court clerkship

John C. Marchesi, named last week by Gov. Francis W. Sargent as clerk of the Central Berkshire District Court, today asked the governor to withdraw his nomination.

Lt. Gov. Donald R. Dwight read Marchesi's letter to the Governor's Council late this morning.

Marchesi explained to the governor that he had given "very serious reflection to the fact that I have devoted my entire professional life to the working directly with young people in a variety of recreational programs. I feel I best can continue to serve the people of Pittsfield in the recreation program rather than embarking on an entirely new field."

Marchesi, who is city director of recreation, told the governor that he was honored by the appointment and added that "I know you will understand how earnestly I've considered this matter before arriving at this decision."

Ice leaves Pontoosuc

The ice is gone from Pontoosuc Lake. Yesterday's high temperatures made short work of the large floes of winter cover which had a tenuous hold on the main body of water.

Only scraps were left by yesterday afternoon. They were gone this morning.

Last year the ice left sometime in the night between March 31 and April 1. The earliest on record that the ice ever left was March 26, 1913, the latest April 30, 1940.

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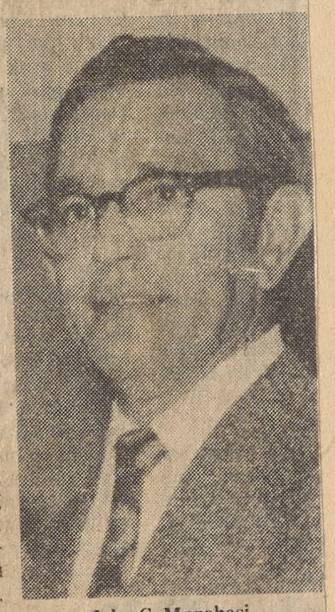
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Marchesi is named city court clerk

Gov. Sargent this morning appointed John C. Marchesi, 49, director of parks and recreation in the Pittsfield Department of Parks and Recreation, as clerk of the Pittsfield District Court.

He will succeed Edmund F. McBride, who retired last month. The job pays about $20,000 a year.

The appointment must be confirmed by the Governor's Council. No action will be taken until next week.



John C. Marchesi

Choice is surprise

The appointment came as a surprise to many people at the courthouse, where there was substantial support for Edmund McBride Jr., son of the retiring clerk. The younger McBride, who is a lawyer, has been acting clerk for several months in the absence of his father. Also, he became a registered Republican in 1971, which made him politically available for appointment by a Republican governor.

Marchesi has been a Republican activist for many years. Last year he was selected as "Republican of the Year" at the annual Recognition Night dinner of the Berkshire County Republican Association.

He has been in the city Parks Department for 18 years and as such has been instrumental in organizing many activities and leagues for young people. He came to Pittsfield in 1956 from Providence, R.I., his native city, to take a recreation supervisor's job. He attended Boston University and the Rhode Island College of Education in Providence.

Mrs. Marchesi is the former Vanda Luciani of Dorchester. They have two daughters, Carol and Diana.

Name in the News

A happy Republican

A lot of people at the Berkshire County Courthouse might not regard the appointment this week of Pittsfield's popular recreation director, John C. Marchesi, to the clerkship of the Pittsfield District Court as a case of virtue being its own reward.

This is because Marchesi doesn't have a legal background and his chief competitor for the job, Edmund F. McBride Jr., who has been acting clerk and who is the son of the retiring clerk, is a lawyer. Furthermore, McBride, according to all the functionaires of the court, is well liked and has been doing a commendable job.

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The fact that Marchesi has been extremely active in Republican party activities, of course, didn't hurt his candidacy. It gave him the necessary visibility with Republican Gov. Francis W. Sargent, for whom Marchesi was the Pittsfield campaign coordinator in the 1970 election.

Nevertheless, the Sargent administration has been generally meticulous in its court appointments and if Marchesi hadn't measured up to some kind of acceptable standards, there is an excellent likelihood that he would not have been appointed. The governor's top legal adviser, Atty. William Young, was apparently satisfied that Marchesi was qualified even without a legal background.

As the No. 2 man in the city's Park Department, Marchesi has been responsible for the planning, organizing, promoting and directing of recreational programs for people of all ages indoors and outdoors in all seasons of the year. Some of his programs have become models for recreational planners in other municipalities.

Since 1956, when Marchesi came to Pittsfield to accept a $4,000-a-year job as recreation supervisor in the Department of Parks and Recreation, he has shown a tremendous ability to organize, to recruit volunteers and to get parents interested in their children's playground activities. He worked up to the No. 2 job in the department which pays almost $14,000 a year. The salary for the new court job is about $20,000.

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Marchesi's appetite for politics was whetted by Congressman Silvio O. Conte. In 1959, Conte, a freshman congressman, returned from an extensive trip abroad and he needed help in presenting an illustrated lecture to a Knights of Columbus communion-breakfast audience. He heard that Marchesi had a projector.

"He called me on a Saturday night," Marchesi recalls, "and it was lucky I was free. His talk was scheduled for the following morning. We stayed up until 2 in the morning putting the slides together for the presentation.

Subsequently, Marchesi was recruited by Charles H. Perenick, who is now a clerk of the Concord District Court, and Rudolph A. Sacco, who is now a special Probate Court justice, for more work in the Republican party. Marchesi was cited last year as "Republican of the Year" by the Berkshire County Republican Association. He is a former Republican City Committee chairman and he is still Ward 4 Republican Committee chairman.



Joel Librizzi

Mr. Marchesi: No time for games.

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Marchesi is a native of Providence and a Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He attended Boston University and Rhode Island State College's School of Education in Providence. He and his wife, the former Vanda Luciani of Boston, met through a mutual friend, John's sister-in-law. They have two daughters, Carol, who works at Eaton Paper Co., and Diana, who will enter San Jose (Calif.) State College in the fall.

Marchesi has been in recreation work since he was a part-time staffer at the Providence Boys' Club while attending high school. After service in World War II he went on the club's regular staff, the job he held before coming to Pittsfield.

For a man whose work has been to organize play for others, he has found little time for fun and games himself. The one exception is candlepin bowling. He has been in a Thursday night league at the Imperial Lanes for several years. The excitement of his nomination this week as court clerk — he must be approved by the Governor's Council — apparently didn't shake him. He rolled a 109 last Thursday, which was considerably better than his season average of 100.

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Dobelle is critical of plan board vote on Park Square plan

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle today termed as "presumptuous" the Planning Board's tentative endorsement of a particular Park Square alteration plan.

At a meeting last night, the Planning Board members gave their informal backing to the Berkshire Garden Club's plan, which would move Park Square to the south to permit the direct flow of traffic between East and West streets.

Dobelle criticized that action as both "premature and presumptuous" because, he said, it is a matter that should first be considered in the Route 7 environmental-impact study.

In Brief . . .

Although it came as a jolt to political seers who were looking up a different plum tree, Governor Sargent's appointment of John Marchesi as clerk of the Pittsfield District Court is more than a mere payoff for devoted service to the Republican cause. As No. 2 man in the city's Department of Parks and Recreation for many years, he has demonstrated an abundance of energy, common sense, and administrative competence — qualities that should easily compensate for his lack of legal training.

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Some aid said available if Park Square is moved

By James E. Overmyer

At least the road construction cost of the Berkshire Garden Club's plan to relocate Park Square could be financed by state and federal funds, the city's traffic engineer said last night.

Samuel M. Slack told the Planning Board the construction of a divided portion of East Street through Park Square could be included in the state project to improve East Street from the square to the East - Elm - Fourth street intersection.

Plan supported

The Planning Board, for its own part, tentatively endorsed the Garden Club's plan to shift the park southward and eliminate its current island - like existence at the focus of downtown traffic.

Continuing its role as information - gatherer for the Garden Club, the board also voted to seek comments from both the city and state Departments of Public Works and the police and fire departments.

Members indicated that if no objections are raised, a final approval will go to the City Council.

Slack said that if all necessary officials, specifically the mayor and City Council members, approved the relocation by fall it could be included in East Street construction scheduled for the spring of 1975.

Slack said he found the Garden Club's proposal "a workable plan, basically," and added that in his own opinion the project should be tied to the other East Street work if relocation is decided upon.

He cautioned, however, the state might not make any money available for relocation of the park itself.

The Garden Club proposes, basically, to "float" the Park Square park south to join up with what is known as Bank Row. This would leave space for a widened street to the north along Park Place, creating an actual intersection with North, South and West streets instead of the rotary arrangement now in effect around the park.

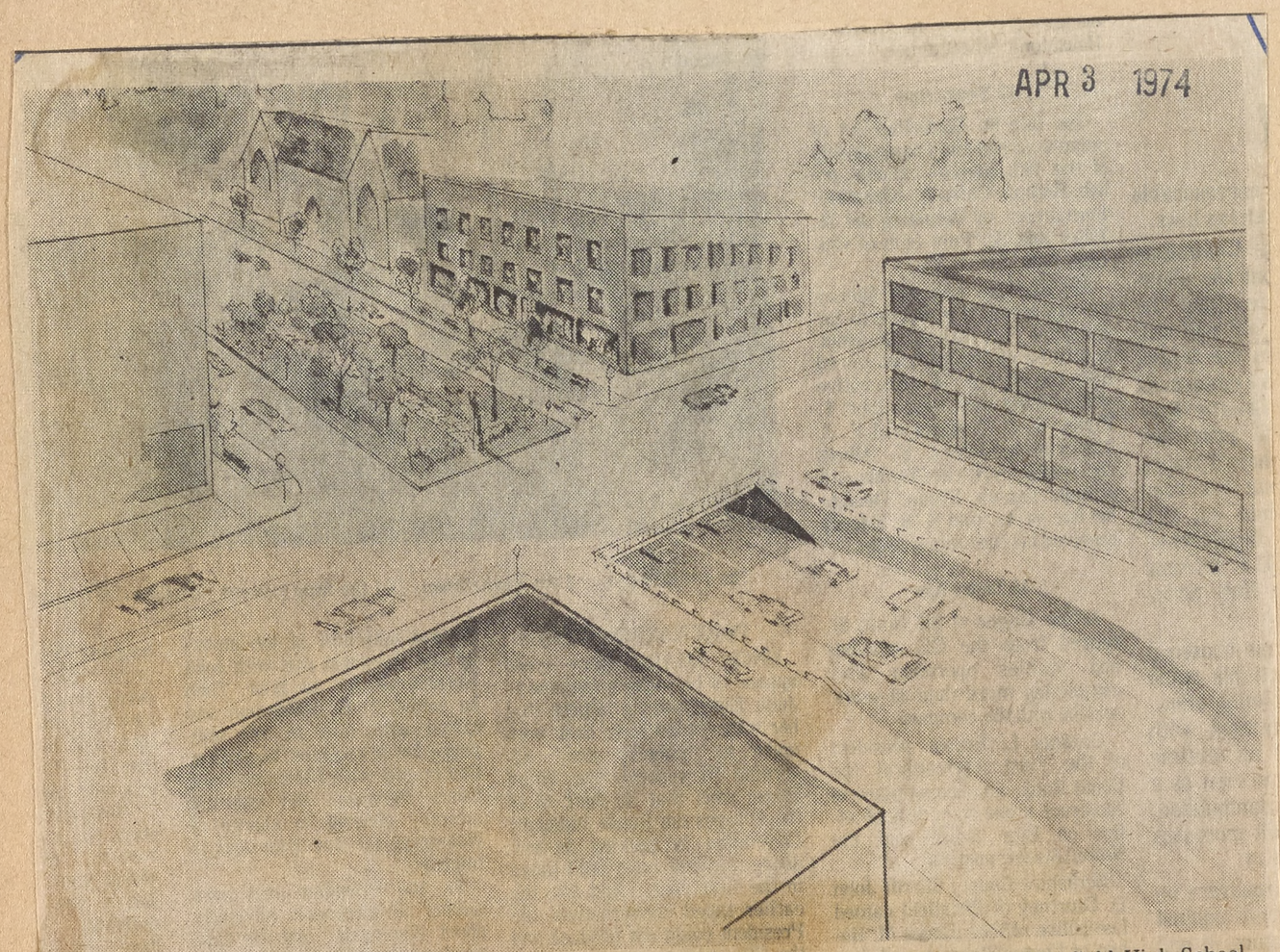
Another change

Slack also said he is in favor of a traffic change at the east end of the square that would conflict with part of the Garden Club's plan.

He said the city should go ahead with a move to take over about 20 feet of county courthouse lawn to eliminate a difficult curve facing traffic headed out East Street.

The Garden Club wants the courthouse lawn to be an adjacent green space to the shifted park, but Slack said returning the paved area to grass would be easy if the club's entire project were carried out.

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MAYOR'S PLAN for Park Square would include a tunnel with one end, as shown here, entering West Street just west of the square. The other end, Dobelle says, would be on East Street between Pittsfield High School and Wendell Avenue. This view, from northwest of the square, was prepared by William E. Flynn.

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'Green Thumb' meeting set for April 24

A meeting of the people interested in growing vegetable gardens on city land here under Mayor Evan S. Dobelle's Project Green Thumb has been set for April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.

Over 140 people have said they would like to take advantage of the offer of free land to raise vegetables this summer.

Dobelle said this morning that at the meeting land assignments will be handed out. At the same time participants will have the opportunity to seek advice from two gardening experts, Dick L. Boyce of the Berkshire County Extension office and John Howell of the Hampshire County Extension office.

Each participant will have to sign a release so the city will not be held responsible for individual injury or crop damage. Participants under 18 will need a parent's or guardian's signature as well.

What city land will be used has not been completely determined, Dobelle said, and soil samples are still being tested to determine the best spots.

Pittsfield will assist the gardeners not only by making land available to them but by plowing and harrowing the soil.

The project is under the direction of Robert B. Dillon and Frank A. Skogsberg.

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City budget is approved by Council

By Grier Horner

The City Council last night concluded its budget deliberations, having trimmed $200,000 from Mayor Evan S. Dobelle's proposed fiscal budget of $27,798,093.

Council President Philip J. Tully Jr. said the reduction, which will trim the tax-rate increase by about 65 cents, was about as much as the Council could expect to take from a budget he said had already been carefully trimmed by Dobelle.

Before submitting the budget to the Council, Dobelle had sliced about $1.5 million from departmental requests.

While the budget as adopted stands at $2 million over the last fiscal year's, Dobelle and Tully said it came in at under the current rate of national inflation.

While the consumer price index is surging forward at an annual rate of 14.5 per cent, the city budget climbed only 8 per cent.

The school portion of the budget, accounting for half the expenditures, was up 9.4 per cent and the municipal portion of the budget was up less than 7 per cent.

Tully had pushed the Council through 11 budget sessions in three weeks.

"Reasonable," says Tully

He said the budget that was adopted is "reasonable" in light of the inflationary trend.

It will mean a tax increase here. Some estimates have put that increase in the $7 to $8 range but it has not been computed yet. The present rate is $65.80 per $1000 valuation.

The major Council reduction was $75,000 trimmed from the mayor's reserve fund, leaving $50,000.

The budget was passed 9 to 1, with Councilman Paul E. Brindle opposed and Councilman Angelo C. Stracuzzi absent.

After the reductions, the major departments are budgeted to spend the following amounts in the year starting July 1. In each case last year's budget figure is given in parentheses.

Debt and interest $2,343,047, reduced $5,000, ($2,188,990).

Fire, $1,976,481, reduced $2,000, ($1,873,732).

Traffic, $243,280, reduced $35,000, ($188,666).

Police, $1,441,796, ($1,320,801).

Water, $415,526, reduced $4,000, ($436,971).

Public Works, $2,935,495, reduced $20,200, ($2,625,496).

Public buildings, $1,055,102, reduced $23,750, ($1,079,330).

Parks and Recreation, $509,081, reduced $8,139, ($462,129).

Health, $384,410, ($365,242).

Berkshire Athenaeum, $288,434, ($274,512).

Blue Cross-Blue Shield, $455,000, ($461,000).

Schools, $13,779,585, ($12,340,310).

Planner's salary stays out

The City Council last night turned aside Mayor Evan S. Dobelle's request that it restore the $18,000 it cut from the Planning Board budget to cover the salary for a planning director.

The money was removed in the aftermath of the board's February ouster of E. Boris Stahm as planning director. The Council disapproved of the firing.

The mayor today said he was disturbed by the Council action and will call a meeting of Council and Planning Board members for next Thursday at 5 p.m. in his office, in an effort to resolve the issue.

'Personality contest'

Dobelle characterized the issue as a "personality contest between the Council and the Planning Board" and said he was "tired of it and wants it rectified."

There is nothing as critical to the future of Pittsfield as a well-staffed planning office, the mayor said. To make the office a political football, in effect, is to hurt the people of the city, he asserted.

"If members of the Council believe any agency should have a different staffing situation, they should refer proposals to the Table of Reorganization Committee," he added. The committee is scheduled to report to the mayor Oct. 22.

Two attempts were made in the Council last night to restore the $18,000 to the budget after City Auditor Anthony W. Sottile made a pitch for returning the money.

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Nick Peck

ROUNDING THE BEND BY BIKE is David G. Shier, 13, of 58 Appleton Ave. He's heading south into Howard Street from East Housatonic Street along one of five recommended bike routes laid out by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Pittsfield Park Department establishes 5 bike routes

The Parks and Recreation Department has established five recommended bicycle routes into downtown Pittsfield.

"It has been done to encourage the use of bicycles for commuting to work and school," said Andrea G. Snell, recreation supervisor for the department.

Green-and-white "bike route" signs of a type used nationally will be in place within two weeks, according to Miss Snell.

No restrictions

The routes follow existing streets. The main purpose of the signs, Miss Snell explained, is to warn motorists to watch out for cyclists. She said that cyclists are not restricted to the routes.

The routes, radiating like spokes from downtown, are two-way and are as follows:

From the north: Leave Pontoosuc Lake at the Lanesboro line heading south on North Street. Go right on Wahconah Street until it returns to North Street, where the route ends.

From the northeast: Leave Coltsville corner heading southwest toward Pittsfield on Dalton Avenue. Go right on Yorkshire Avenue, left on Elberon Avenue and proceed west onto Springside Avenue. Go left on Pleasure Avenue and proceed south on Smith Street and Second Street to Fenn Street, where the route ends.

From the east: Leave the Dalton line at Williams Street and head west. Go right on Appleton Avenue, left on Dawes Avenue; right on Howard Street, left on East Housatonic Street, and right on Pomeroy Avenue to East Street, where the route ends.

From the south: Proceed north on South Street from its intersection with South Mountain Road. The route ends at Park Square.

From the west: Go east from Berkshire Community College on West Street. Go right on New West Street and proceed to Park Square, where the route ends.

Interested cyclists called together by Miss Snell in March to plan the routes included Arthur Hermann, Orin P. McCarty and Seymour B. Schwartz, all of Pittsfield. City Traffic Engineer Samuel M. Slack also met with the group. The city Traffic Department has supplied and installed the signs.

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Why monkey with Park Square?

In recent weeks Pittsfield has been inundated by a flood of suggestions about what to do with Park Square. A letter to the editor, printed on the opposite page today, makes the soundest suggestion of all: Leave it alone.

Our correspondent probably speaks for a large, if somewhat silent, majority. Most Pittsfield residents, we suspect, appreciate the historical associations of the oval park and sense its esthetic appropriateness right where it is. They realize that it is about the closest thing left to a distinctive trade-mark for a city which — thanks to the ravages of time, TOPICS, Dutch Elm, tasteless architecture, and other plagues — is becoming less and less distinguishable from Peoria or Podunk.

Nonetheless there's something about Park Square that seems to bring out the tinkerer in a lot of otherwise sensible citizens. No doubt it's because the shape and location of the greensward prevents East Street from joining North and South in a neat right-angle intersection. Evidently this offends some ingrained sense of symmetry, like an unresolved chord or a family portrait hung slightly askew.

Whatever the reason, the urge to monkey with the park seems to spring eternal. Some would run East Street right through it. Others would transplant it to the south. Even Mayor Dobelle, who at least favors leaving the park where it is, couldn't resist changing its shape from oval to rectangular when he sketched out his interesting but presumably impractical proposal for running East Street underneath it.

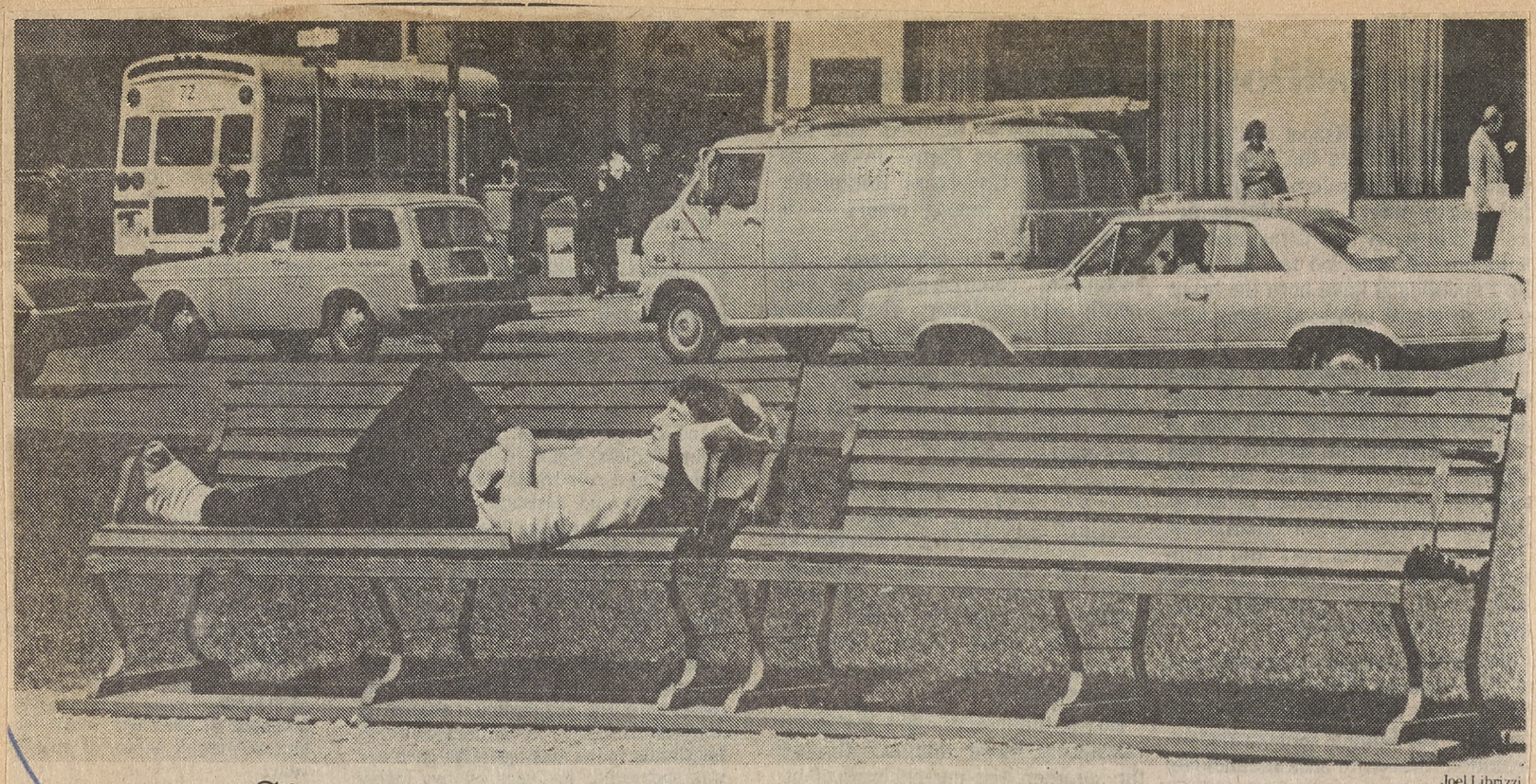
The rationale for all this is the supposition that Park Square is some sort of vehicular nightmare, a traffic bottleneck *sans pareil*. Actually it's no such thing, and any notion that it is has to be a commentary on how thoroughly Berkshire motorists have been spoiled by our generally accommodating street pattern. In most cities the few minutes required to circumnavigate the park, even in peak traffic periods, would be rated no problem at all.

Eventually, on the inevitable day when the former Berkshire Life building yields to the wrecker's ball, it would doubtless make sense to widen the mouth of West Street, thus putting it into alignment with East Street. That, in turn, could eliminate the need for the present rotary traffic system and permit the conversion of Bank Row into a pedestrian mall without uprooting the park. In the meantime both esthetic and historical considerations might be better served if the sidewalk superintendents would apply their talents elsewhere.

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Athletes While two older sports limber up their baseball arms, a tad considers the possibilities of gymnastics aboard a bench at Clapp Park.



Joel Librizzi

Siesta *An unidentified young man took advantage of Thursday's sunny weather to rest his injured left leg and take a noontime snooze on one of the Park Square benches.* APR 20 1974

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Observatory opens for summer season

The Department of Parks and Recreation announced today the opening of the astronomical observatory for the season. The observatory will be open this week Thursday, and Friday at dusk.

Bernard A. Tremblay, 959 North St., will again be in charge of the facility. He will be assisted by Robert Gaudette.

Special arrangements for groups may be made by calling Tremblay at his home.

The Park Square 'problem'

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Your editorial on Park Square [April 20] presents some of the shallowest thinking I've seen on Pittsfield's traffic problems.

The statement that "In most cities the few minutes required to circumnavigate the park . . . would be rated no problem at all" could be applied block by block, intersection by intersection, to the whole of this city. Then we could come to the comfortable conclusion that there is no traffic problem at all in Pittsfield, never has been.

Why have we wasted so much time in anguish, quibbling over a bypass, when even that affair could have been dispensed with so easily? And isn't the bit about "sidewalk superintendents" a bit arrogant?

On the contrary, there is a problem, and it is made up of many small parts, not the least of which is Park Square. Each part must be taken in perspective, but your drenching of sentimentality can only obscure the problem.

Of the motorists passing through Park Square (at least the East-West traffic) I'd venture that not one in a hundred pauses for the esthetics. If they did, moreover, they might be charged with negligent driving.

It is the pedestrian who profits from the beauty and charm of Park Square, so to him that charm should be maximized, while expediting the motorist on his way.

Reduce the fumes from the mass of cars, churning around the square in low gear, and open the way for the pedestrian to walk freely there, without competition from cars. Why wait for some distant future urban rerenewal, when more buildings can be torn down, to free Bank Row for a pedestrian mall?

This would indicate Mayor Dobelle's idea of tunneling under the park, the ideal solution all around. It would not only free Bank Row for pedestrian use, but a section of East Street as well; and with pedestrian underground passage across North/South Street would eliminate stop lights at that intersection.

If this would not be a significant improvement to Pittsfield's traffic bottlenecks, then nothing would.

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Gardening plan draws full house

Project Green Thumb, the Dobelle administration's vegetable garden project, had people sitting in the aisles at the City Council Chamber last night.

Its popularity is based on its offer of free use of garden plots on city-owned land to people who don't have their own garden space.

Administrative Services Director Diane Jackman estimated the crowd at 200. The chamber seats only 100.

Dick L. Boyce of the Berkshire County Extension Service, Parks Supt. Vincent J. Hebert and others briefed the audience on the program.

Plot assignments

The gardeners were asked to sign waivers so the city will not be responsible if they are hurt or if their crops are damaged. Plot assignments will be mailed to them shortly.

The city will plow, harrow and lime land on the Burgner Farm on outer Williams Street, and near the water tower on Benedict Road.

The land will be divided into 10-by 20-foot plots with three-foot walkways in between. Individuals and small families will get one plot. Larger families and groups will get two or three plots.

The program was suggested by Cynthia Holes of radio station WGRG who had read about such a project in California. She said she saw it as a way of "getting people to work together on something that would be of direct and immediate benefit to them and something that could be fun, too."

Park Square plan: best of old and new

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Regular readers of *Eagle* news stories are aware that the Berkshire Garden Club never proposed renovation of Park Square for the foolish reasons that East and West streets do not line up perfectly or that circumnavigating the oval is inconvenient, as last Saturday's editorial made it appear.

We are offering a plan for the renovation of Park Square for the following reasons:

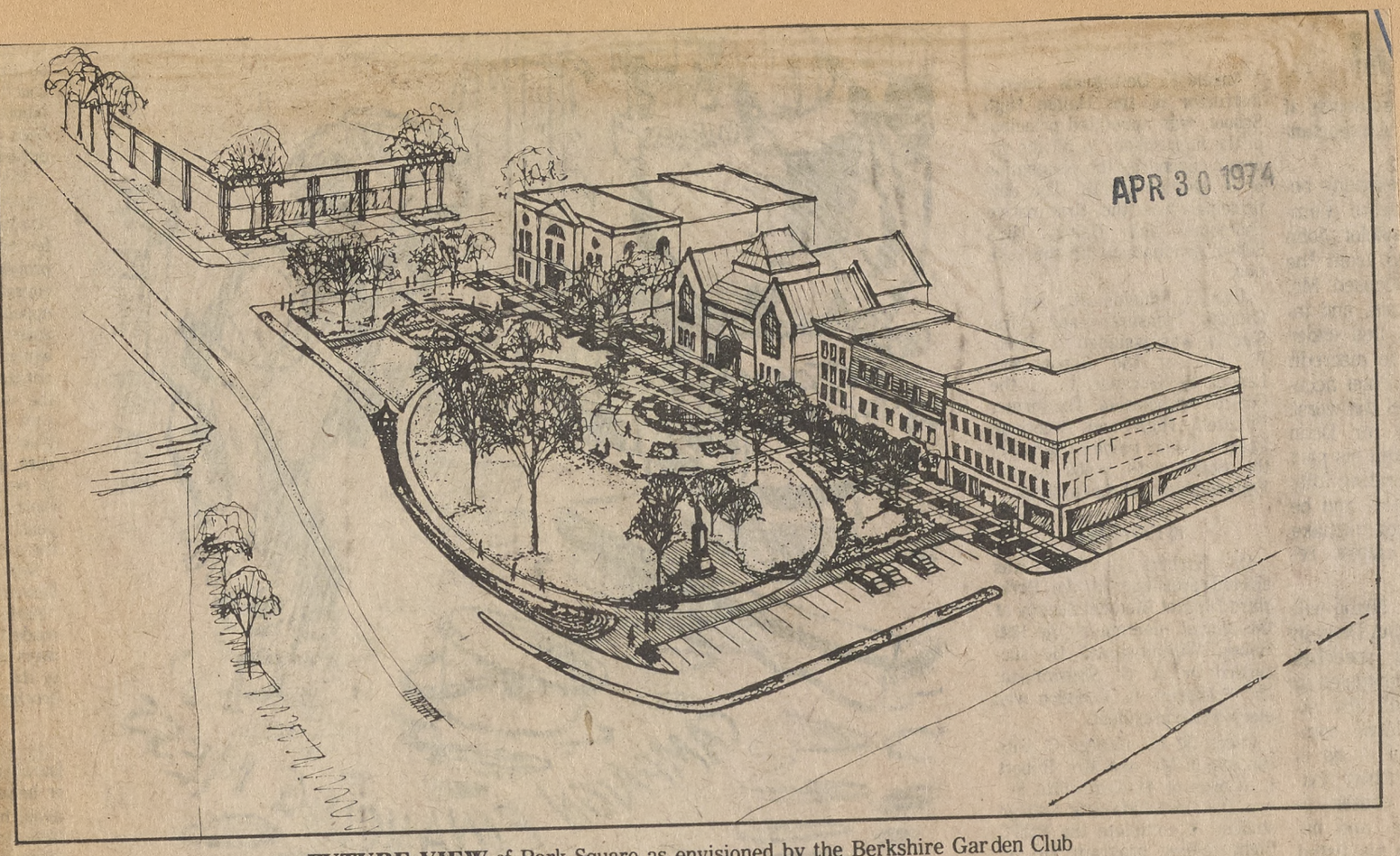
—We wish to preserve the whole Park Square area and to protect it from the kind of piecemeal destruction represented by the plan to widen East Street by lopping off part of the Courthouse lawn.

—We believe the present traffic pattern around the oval is not merely inconvenient but often dangerously confusing for both drivers and pedestrians. It pollutes the park with noise and exhaust and makes it less accessible, especially to the very young and the elderly.

—We feel that the condition of the oval has deteriorated in recent years, and we would like to see it restored to its former beauty.

Our plan for Park Square, soon to be presented to the Park Commission, is a proposal for an extended park area which would retain the best of the old and increase the usefulness and the enjoyment of the area by the people of this community.

Mrs. EDGAR BUTTENHEIM
65 Crofut St.
Pittsfield APR 26 1974



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FUTURE VIEW of Park Square as envisioned by the Berkshire Garden Club

Park Square plan gets lukewarm reception

City Park Dept. suspends judgment on Garden Club proposal

By Peter Scheer

The Berkshire Garden Club took its Park Square relocation plan to the Department of Parks and Recreation last night, but an impassive panel of five commissioners decided to suspend judgment on the scheme.

"We're very impressed with the amount of work and consideration that went into this idea," commented department Supt. Vincent J. Hebert. "But we don't want to say whether we're for it or against it until we've given other people a chance to air their own ideas."

That assessment came at the close of a half-hour presentation that sparked no controversy and prompted only a handful of questions.

Defending the plan for the garden club was Mrs. Edgar M. Buttenheim who, armed with photographs and new architectural renderings, said that "our idea is not to turn Park Square into a New York or Boston type park, but to keep it still very much Pittsfield."

In essence the garden club proposes to "float Park Square south to join with the line of buildings known as Bank Row. This movement would leave space for a widened East Street to the north along Park Place, creating a four-way intersection with North, South, East and West streets in place of the existing rotary arrangement.

In addition, the garden club's proposal would retain the "sense of ovalness," according to Mrs. Buttenheim, with construction of a walkway around the periphery of the relocated greensward. The total amount of green space would also be expanded by linking the park to the courthouse lawn to the east.

"What we are proposing is a plan to revitalize the existing park, not to change it substantively," Mrs. Buttenheim told the park commissioners. "At the moment, Park Square is little more than a traffic rotary . . . an island in a sea of exhaust fumes that is increasingly inaccessible to children and old people."

Peoples park

By anchoring the park to Bank Row and eliminating the circular traffic flow, she continued, "the park will be more of a peoples park."

The garden club's scheme has already won the tentative endorsements of the city Planning Board, the Historical Commission and city traffic engineer Samuel M. Slack.

Mayor Dobelle, who has advanced his own idea of tunneling under the park to connect East and West streets, has given only equivocal support. He has applauded the garden club's intent to beautify the park, but has also questioned the plan's ameliorative effect on downtown traffic congestion.

That same question was renewed last night by Commissioner Charles D. Gilson, who asked whether the relocation would create "another Coltsville Corners" at the four-way intersection of North, South, East and West streets.

Mrs. Buttenheim replied that the garden club plan was not designed "primarily" to remedy the city's traffic problems, but to improve the park. "That intersection is always going to be a problem," she asserted, "and there seems to be nothing — short of tunneling under the park — that is going to correct it."

May cost city nothing

Mrs. Buttenheim also asserted last night that the entire plan "could, conceivably, cost the city nothing at all." She said that state funds might be available for the road reconstruction work and federal money available to rebuild the park.

In any event, no ground can be broken for the project until TAG, the citizens' Transportation Advisory Group, completes its review of the plan.

TAG has included the garden club's scheme as one of the bypass "route alternatives" to be studied in the state-funded environmental impact study.

Though the study is not expected to be completed for another 18 to 24 months, the garden club proposal has been earmarked for review in the study's "first phase," and could therefore be finished within a year.

Arlos, Dobelle warm up playground issue again

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City Councilman Peter G. Arlos Friday chastised the city government for failing to provide the promised Yankee Orchard playground. But Mayor Evan S. Dobelle charged that it was Arlos who had "jammed up" the acquisition.

Mayor Butler last year had moved to take 20 acres at the foot of Imperial Avenue off outer East Street for $65,000. Arlos had talked the Council out of approving the appropriation, asserting that the price was far too high.

Arlos and the Council's finance committee have estimated that the property could be taken under eminent domain for about half that price.

Dobelle, however, says that if the city takes the property by eminent domain at the lower price the case will end up in court.

High jury award seen

A jury, he asserts, is likely to make an award in the $80,000 to $100,000 range. In the mayor's view it would arrive at such a price on the basis of 20 lots worth $4,000 to $4,500 each.

Arlos's argument has been that since a street has not yet been run through the property the land is worth much less.

Dobelle said that the city has been working in cooperation with Councilman Henry V. Marchisio for a negotiated eminent-domain taking for several months. The property is owned by Joseph Francese.

According to Dobelle, Arlos is grandstanding on an issue that has been carried by Marchisio.

Arlos today filed a petition with the Council calling for hiring two indepencent appraisers to set the price and requesting that the acreage then be taken for that price.

Dobelle said he will have a measure before the May 14 Council meeting calling for an appropriation.

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Joel Librizzi

Love seat

A dead stump on the First Street Common provides a convenient spot for two young people whose fancies have been lightly turned by the influence of spring.

MAY 7 1974

Plan board wants TAG to drop study of moving Park Square

The city Planning Board, fearing a long delay in progress on Park Square relocation plans, wants the project dropped from the citizens' Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) highway study.

The board voted unanimously last night to request time at TAG's Thursday night meeting to explain why Park Square should be exempted from the environmental impact study being done in connection with a possible Pittsfield bypass.

Board members, in fact, said they are generally opposed to TAG's having jurisdiction over local street projects.

Some members charged that TAG had "very carefully ignored" that advice, given by the board in February as the goals of the environmental study were being drawn up.

The Planning Board is on record as tentatively favoring the Berkshire Garden Club's proposal to move the park southward, eliminating the present traffic circle there and linking up the square with the county courthouse lawn to form a large park.

Too much jurisdiction

Mrs. Mary Ausman, who charged that TAG had ignored the advice of the Planning Board, said if the project is to be done, the logical time to do it is within the next year. State TOPICS program money, which is subsidizing work on East Street leading up to the square, might also pay for the road work there, she said.

Member Gary A. Lopenzina said TAG's list of options for the bypass study gives it "too much jurisdiction over local street problems."

When asked for input to the list of options, the Planning Board wrote Feb. 21 that a study of improvements to local street problems should not be included, since an on-going city street program is "not a true alternative to a bypass."

TAG, however, eventually included street improvements among its points to be studied.

TAG expects the bypass study to last 1½ to 2 years, but also has marked Park Square for early review, making it possible the proposal could be studied within a year.

Comments received

The Planning Board last night also noted that three letters on Park Square had been received in its attempts to act as a clearinghouse for information on the project.

State Department of Public Works district highway engineer Dean P. Amidon said that shifting of the oval park "overall has merit," but emphasized it would take extensive studies of traffic capacity to see if there would be substantial advantages in the change.

Fire Chief John E. McDonough Jr. said his department had no objections, but expressed some concern over possible limiting of firetruck access to buildings on the south side of the square, on what is now Bank Row, if the park is shifted in that direction.

Police Chief John J. Killeen replied that "whatever is agreeable to the people of Pittsfield is agreeable with the Pittsfield Police Department."

MAY 1 0 1974

Park Square beautification need not await TAG approval

Park Square relocation plans have apparently been relieved of at least one long-threatened delay.

Samuel W. Smith, chairman of TAG, the citizens' transportation advisory group, said last night that the Route 7 environmental impact study will not stand in the way of groundbreaking for any one of the several proposals to relocate and beautify Park Square.

Presiding over the first full TAG meeting in more than a month, Smith explained that the Park Square plans did not, as feared, have to await prior approval from the state-funded highway study.

City's business

"If the city decides to go ahead with one of these plans, that's the city's business," Smith said. "We want to study these plans only to see how their traffic impact affects our decision about a bypass."

TAG has included Park Square relocation plans as part of its "route alternatives" list to be reviewed in the environmental study along with four bypass options.

Concern has arisen in recent weeks that the study, which is not expected to begin for another six months, might delay implementation of a Park Square proposal for as long as two years.

Last Monday the city Planning Board brought the issue to a head by recommending that Park Square plans be dropped entirely from the environmental study.

The Planning Board has tentatively endorsed the Berkshire Garden Club's suggestion to move Park Square southward, eliminating the existing traffic circle and joining the square with the county courthouse lawn, thereby forming a larger park area.

In was in response to the Planning Board request that Smith addressed the Park Square matter last night. Unlike the Planning Board, TAG has not indicated a preference for the Garden Club's proposal or any other. However, in a brief aside, TAG chairman Smith intimated that he was pleased with the garden club's idea.

"The last thing we want to do is hold up a plan like this," he commented, pointing to architectural renderings of the garden club's proposal. "Clearly a lot of work has gone into this and we don't want to cause unnecessary delay."

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Uplift for the park



By Grier Horner

PRESSURE has been building over the years to do something — almost anything — about Park Square.

Some want to change the scheme of things there because they consider it a traffic menace and a bottleneck.

Others, responding to the same type of challenge that spurs mountain climbers on, want to conquer Park Square simply because it's there.

A number of officials at the state and city level would like to put a road right through the park.

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To protect the park from that type of historical and esthetic catastrophe, local thinkers have been coming up with alternatives.

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle suggests tunneling a road under the park. The Berkshire Garden Club proposes relocating it to one side to protect it from the compulsive roadbuilders and make it more accessible.

But Dobelle's idea costs too much and the garden club's is going to run into political and popular opposition. A lot of people like the park where it is.

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With this sentimental attachment in mind, a local preservationist has come up with a plan that would not only save what he calls "the critical oval" but lick both the traffic and parking problems at Park Square.

His solution is to put the park up in the air. (See accompanying sketch which freely and unfairly plagiarizes the work of several local architects).

This elevated park, says it originator, who understandably wants to remain anonymous, has a number of advantages.

Besides retaining the park's historic shape and location, he says it provides the same free flow of traffic that would be accomplished by Dobelle's tunnel. This is done by lifting the park above the street level and letting cars run underneath — much as New Yorkers once lifted their trains above Third Avenue on the El.

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In addition, it solves the parking shortage created by loss of the Wendell Avenue parking lot to the new library. The plan envisions a layer or two of parking slung under the elevated park — sort of an uplifted version of the Boston Common parking garage.

Topping the park as a centerpiece, the originator says, would be the red popcorn wagon.

Though the high-rise plan saves some important Pittsfield traditions, it is not without drawbacks. Access to the park, for instance, is not measurably improved, although the originator is giving thought to rope ladders or ramps and escalators.

Another concern is that people might topple off the park's edge. Still, Columbus confronted that fear and proved it can be overcome.

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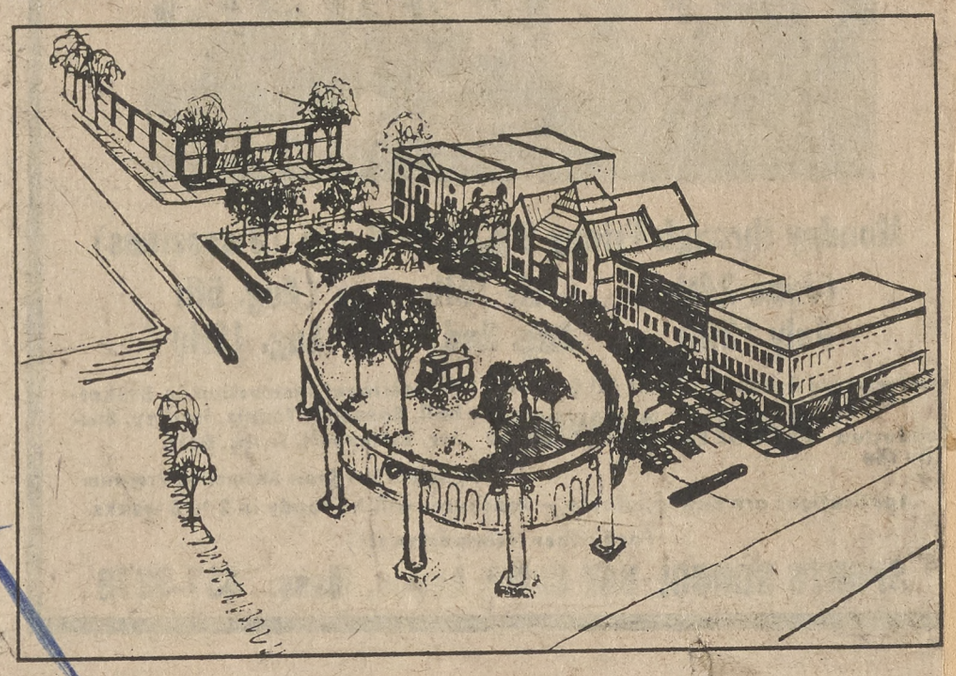
With full knowledge that such a drastic modification in the park can't be lightly undertaken, the sponsor says the architecture must be handled skillfully.

To maintain the square's harmonious blend of divergent architectural periods, the originator has turned to the classicism of the early Greeks and Romans.

The park would be borne aloft on graceful Ionic columns. The parking level would be enhanced by open arches reminiscent of the Roman Colosseum.

The visual landscape of the city, admittedly, would be changed from street level. But from the cocktail lounge at the top of the Hilton it would remain the same.

And obviously this is a plan — like so many others here — that is best appreciated from the vantage point of a bar.



Green island

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Having frequently had the opportunity to speak out about preserving the integrity of Pittsfield's Park Square, I cannot refrain from adding another voice to those who like the park just the way it is (with a few more trees to replace those which have been removed.)

If the County Commission would as willingly support changes in county government as they apparently support changes in the park, we would witness progress in government.

While it would be nice if the park were more accessible and contained a wider area, the symmetry of its present position in the center of the road and the city has a certain beauty not to be overlooked, a beauty which would be lost if it were moved to the south.

Furthermore, I object to any change which increases the unbroken expanse of concrete at the city's center. A green island which breaks up the concrete and renders it less stark makes the whole area more appealing to the eye.

Certainly a County Commission which once wanted to create a parking lot where the present library stands is no judge of what is attractive for Park Square. However, since new county jobs were created this year, one can see why they would want more contiguous green space to accommodate their need for air and sunshine during lunch hours.

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MAY 1 0 1974

'Portable park'

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

In his column, "Uplift for the park" ("City Circuit," May 11), Grier Horner puts forth an ingenious idea of elevating Park Square.

However, as inaccessibility seems to be the greatest problem, I humbly suggest that the park be put on elevated wheels, the popcorn stand be mechanized as a means of locomotion and the park be taken to the people. This Port-o-Park would satisfy those who would move, tunnel under and elevate the park, as well as provide a tourist attraction.

That's right, ladies and gentlemen, a rolling, lifting, floating, moving, portable park that will satisfy the whims of all. Roll it to the left or hoist it in the air. On the Fourth of July, it automatically revolves on the hot air from political speeches, while the Berkshire Garden Club softly sings in the background. Yessireee, folks, the only one like it in the world! Put a quarter in the statue's mouth and see the park move. Now step right up . . .

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MAY 14 1974



Tulips

MAY 18 1974

A bed of tulips of many colors adds a touch of pleasantness to the intersection of Wahconah Street and Peck's Road, which was rearranged not long ago, providing the open ground for the flowers.

Planning Board seeks Council vote on park

MAY 21 1974

The Park Square relocation plan should still go to a City Council hearing, although the Council made a negative decision on the idea last week, several Planning Board members said Monday night.

While not taking a definitive vote on the matter, the members were generally in agreement that their board should go ahead and forward a report on the idea, broached earlier this year by the Berkshire Garden Club.

The City Council voted last Tuesday in favor of a petition by Mary L. Murphy, a former Council member, calling for the park at the center of the city to be left as it is.

Meeting with mayor

Planning Board chairman Charles F. Sawyer said Monday, however, he would like his group to meet with Mayor Evan S. Dobelle, who has proposed a similar plan to ease traffic congestion in the square without making major alterations, and learn more about Dobelle's plan.

Sawyer also encouraged a meeting with the Pittsfield Housing Authority to see how its future plans for the south end of the downtown redevelopment project might tie in with work on Park Square.

The area is directly to the east of the business district under consideration for redevelopment by George H. Nutman in his proposed Berkshire Mall project.

In voting for Ms. Murphy's petition last week the Council did not actually veto the garden club's plan, but its stand was seen as an indication that it would not approve of shifting the square south to eliminate the traffic circle there if the matter were put to a direct vote.

As an aside to the Council's decision, Planning Board member John H. Rice said last night he thought the Council had slighted garden club president Mrs. Edgar M. Buttenheim at last Tuesday's meeting.

He cited the refusal to allow her to speak on the relocation plan, and a comment by Councilman Peter G. Arlos that the moving of Park Square was being proposed by a "tourist," that was an apparent reference to the fact Mrs. Buttenheim, wife of a local publisher, is not a longtime resident here.

400 view tulips at Springside Park

About 400 people visited the city tulip gardens at Springside Park over the weekend, Vincent J. Hebert, superintendent of the Department of Parks and Recreation, said today.

The blooming tulips and flowering crabapple trees should be attractive all week, said Hebert, adding that visitors are welcome.

MAY 21 1974

Park Square plan defended

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

When the Berkshire Garden Club hired three highly respected architects to prepare a design for the beautification of Park Square, we did not restrict them in any way. The idea of moving the park slightly south toward Bank Row had not occurred to us. However, after studying the plan they produced, we felt it offered so many improvements, we unanimously voted to accept it.

All our members, most of whom have been Pittsfield residents for many years, or are Pittsfield natives, are concerned with the historical significance of the Park, and are desirous of retaining Pittsfield's historic buildings and landmarks. This plan would *keep* the park but enhance its beauty in addition to greatly helping the traffic situation.

A green strip would be created in front of the First Church and the Old Town Hall. On the Bank Row side, the Park would be more accessible for "people use." It would become a living park as opposed to the present traffic ellipse and it would line up beautifully between the Berkshire Common and the new library.

The plans keep the lovely shape and character of the park which we all like so much, but by making the small move, the whole area would be enriched.

The Berkshire Garden Club had intended to follow up this plan with drawings for the beautification by lighting and plantings of the park itself.

It seems that the ideas and plans of trained and qualified persons, as our architects are, should be given careful consideration and much thought before being summarily dismissed. Beautiful areas such as the mall in front of Independence Hall in Philadelphia are only realities because of the hard work which has gone into professional plans.

The Garden Club of America, of which the Berkshire Garden Club is a member, has always stood for this type of civic beautification.

We have presented these plans as a gift to the citizens of Pittsfield for their careful consideration simply because we love our city and we all care.

MARY B. GRAVES
295 Holmes Road
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MAY 21 1974

Roger Sloper heads Park Commission

Roger B. Sloper was elected chairman of the Pittsfield Park Commission at a meeting of the board Monday night at Springside House. He was appointed to the commission in April 1973 by Mayor Donald G. Butler.

Sloper succeeds John C. Curletti as chairman of the five-member commission. The other members are Charles D. Gilson, Dr. Robert J. Kirvin and George J. Pellerin.

Pond use discussed

The commission discussed the possibility of using Goodrich Pond in Lakewood for bathing. Park Supt. Vincent J. Hebert referred to a statement District Sanitary Engineer Angelo Iantosca made in 1963. Iantosca said it would appear then that the pond was not physically or esthetically suited for bathing. He said he found the bottom was generally mud with a luxurious growth of aquatic vegetation.

The sanitation engineer also reported that dwellings located there have subsurface disposal systems, which may be leaking into the pond. Hebert said he will consult with Louis Bolduc, acting health commissioner, for additional information on the pond.

The commission announced that it will meet soon to give the public a chance to express opinions on the future of Park Square.

The board also discussed a petition of Mrs. Diane S. Climo requesting the Park Department to leave playground equipment out during the spring, summer and fall. The commissioners were agreeable, if vandalism can be controlled. Hebert said the equipment would be put out in early June, prior to the regular summer opening, at Clapp, Deming and Crane parks and at the Common.

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Green Thumb plots ready next week

The project Green Thumb vegetable gardens off Benedict Road have been staked out, and the citizens who will cultivate them have been notified of their plot assignments.

But the second and larger garden space in the Burgner Farm on outer Williams Street, because of the rainy weather, has not been staked and won't be ready until some time next week.

Former Mayor Robert B. Dillon, who has been coordinating the free garden project with Carl Nelson, said they had hoped to have the land in both places ready by this weekend.

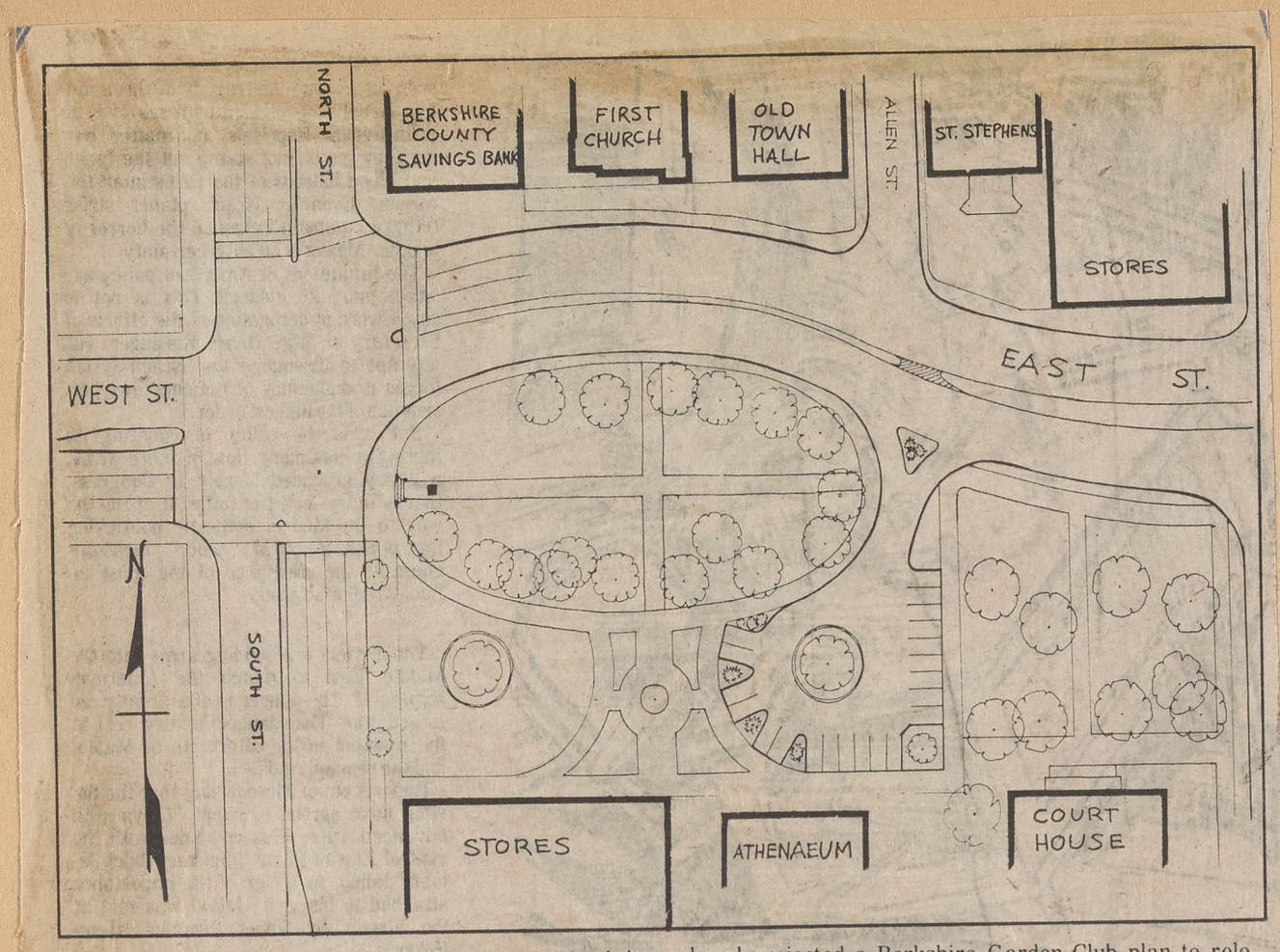
"We're very disappointed," Dillon said, but he pointed out that the rain had stymied the staking at Burgner's.

Green Thumb was set up by Mayor Evan S. Dobelle to give residents who don't have access to land garden plots to help cut the high costs of food.

There are 68 plots in the Springside Park land near the Water Tower on Benedict road and 126 on the city-owned Burgner Farm. The ground in both locations has already been prepared for planting.

Even though the Benedict Road plots are ready, Dillon said he doubted that gardners could plant this weekend unless the soil drys out.

A few volunteers have been assisting in getting the project off the ground, Dillon said.



NEW PARK SQUARE PLAN was conceived by Mayor Dobelle and drawn by traffic engineer Samuel Slack. It will be submitted to the City Council, which has already rejected a Berkshire Garden Club plan to relocate the park. Under this proposal, the park would remain where it is, enlarged by ending rotary traffic.

MAY 23 1974

Mayor offers stay-put park plan in hopes of getting compromise

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle will submit his new proposal for Park Square to the City Council for consideration at next Tuesday's meeting.

Dobelle said yesterday he presumes the Council will forward the design to the Planning Board for study.

Using guidelines supplied by the mayor, city traffic engineer Samuel Slack drew the plan.

Dobelle regards it as a desirable compromise between the Berkshire Garden Club's plan to relocate the oval park and the traditionalists' stand that the park should remain untouched.

Under this plan, the oval park would remain where it is. But it would no longer be an island in the midst of a sea of traffic because the rotary traffic system would be eliminated.

Instead, the roadway on the south-side of the park would be converted to a park that would link the historic center park to the Berkshire Athenaeum side of the Square. This would meet the garden clubs objective of making the park more usable in Dobelle's view.

All traffic would flow to the north side of the park on pavement widened by chipping about three feet from the park's sidewalk and five feet from the sidewalk in front of the Old Town Hall.

Cul-de-sac parking

The new system would create a four-way intersection of North, South, East and West streets.

Under this Dobelle-Slack plan there would be no reduction in parking spaces on the Square. Those lost to the new design would be replaced by cul-de-sac parking inserted within the new park space.

Dobelle had originally suggested putting the road under Park Square but he said yesterday that was too expensive. "Going over the Square is silly," he said, "and going through it is detrimental."

Dobelle praised Slack's design work. But Slack suggested that landscape architects could improve the plan. Dobelle said this might be an area where the garden club could help the city.

The mayor and Slack hope that the project can be funded under the state and federal TOPICS program planned for East Street.

Slack said the sidewalk-size reduction on the Town Hall side of the Square would leave a walk about 6-feet wide.

MAY 28 1974

Firemen extinguish a pair of fires

Pittsfield firemen last night extinguished an apartment fire and a blaze at a city ball field. The latter may have been started by vandals.

The house fire, at the apartment of Mrs. Nina Georgia of 222 Wahconah St. was apparently started by her 2-year-old son playing with matches, according to the fire department.

The boy, James Georgia, reportedly set fire to his bed, but his mother rescued him and was throwing water on the fire when three fire companies arrived, according to the department reports.

The fire, which damaged the bedroom, was reported at 9:20 p.m.

Fire officials said the blaze at the Lakewood field on Newell Street at 11 p.m. damaged a wooden box that housed electrical connections for the field's lights.

An odor of gasoline was smelled around the box and a container with traces of what may be gasoline was found nearby, firemen said.

Park board endorses Pitt Playground plan

A plan for improving Pitt Playground on the West Side was approved in concept by the Park Commission on Monday night.

The plan was developed by the Park Department, the Pittsfield Redevelopment Authority and the Project Area Committee, which is made up of residents of the Jubilee Hill area.

The plan calls for installing a rest room, additional playground equipment, a black-top play area and other improvements.

Work on the playground should begin this summer, according to Park Supt. Vincent J. Hebert, who said bids will be opened June 12.

Other action at Monday's meeting included an announcement that cost estimates are being prepared for improving lighting at Wahconah Park.

Hebert also reported that his department's annual aquatic training institute for lifeguards will take place this week at the Boys' Club under the direction of John C. Marchesi, director of recreation. All of this summer's lifeguards are required to attend, he said.

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Andrea Snell is honored by Girls Club

Andrea G. Snell of 25 Bartlett Ave., selected as volunteer of the year at the Pittsfield Girls Club, has been given an engraved plaque and a bronze 5-year pin by Mrs. Ervin R. Winn, club swimming director.

The presentation was made at the annual staff luncheon. Miss Snell, who has been responsible for the synchronized swim program for the club for the last five years, gave 120 hours of volunteer service this year alone. Her synchronized group, membership in which is open to girls 8 and over who have a swimmer's certificate, has grown from 20 girls the first year to 48 this season.

Sellouts

The first year of the program the group performed one number as a part of the swimming awards evening. This year, the group performed 13 numbers for two shows, which were completely sold out.

Miss Snell is recreation supervisor for the Department of Parks and Recreation. She is also a Big Sister and secretary of the board of the Girls Club and has been a volunteer at many of the club's swim meets. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Snell of 65 Waubeek Road.

In Brief . . .

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Compared to most of the schemes that have been put forward by others, Mayor Dobelle's proposal for doing away with the Park Square rotary by blocking off Bank Row and widening East Street at its intersection with North is simplicity itself. Whether it would provide a smooth enough traffic flow is hard to say for certain, but one of its many big advantages is that it could be tried out on an experimental basis at little cost and with no dislocation of the park.

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It seems only natural that Roger Sloper should become chairman of Pittsfield's Park Commission. It's a post once filled by his late father, Archie Sloper, who first went on the commission in 1942 and left in 1945 to serve as state conservation commissioner.

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Council committee gets mayor's new park plan

The Park Square issue is going to the City Council's Public Works Committee for a public hearing.

It will be examining Mayor Evan S. Dobelle's newest Park Square proposal.

Dobelle's plan came on the heels of the Berkshire Garden Club's, which was given a hostile reception two weeks ago by the Council.

The Council did not take a stand on the mayor's counter-proposal. It would link the park to the South side of the square by grassing over the eastbound traffic lanes. But unlike the Garden Club's plan, which would also have eliminated rotary traffic, — the mayor's would not relocate the oval park in the center of the square.

Dobelle told the Council that something had to be done to ease the traffic flow in Park Square. He said his plan would do that and would have the added benefits of expanding the park and improving its accessibility.

Councilman Peter G. Arlos argued that the Park Square should be protected instead of changed. He declared that a vast majority of the city's residents want to keep it as it is, seeing it as both a landmark and a place of historical value.

Mrs. Richard S. Jackson of the Garden Club suggested that there might be room for compromise in Park Square planning and asked that both Dobelle's and the Garden Club's plans be studied by the committee.

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Dobelle to foot bills for San Diego trip

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle is attending the United States Conference of Mayors' convention in San Diego later this month but is paying all but $100 of the estimated $650 expense out of his own pocket.

Dobelle said while he felt the June 22-26 conference would be beneficial to the city he did not want to impose the cost of his transporation, room and meals on the taxpayers. The $100 he is asking from the city would cover his registration fee.

The mayor said he also will ask the City Council at its meeting tomorrow night to approve spending $650 each to send Public Works Commissioner Gerald S. Doyle and Park Supt. Vincent J. Hebert to the conference instead of to a Houston conference budgeted for December.

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First woman is appointed to city park board

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle is appointing the first woman member to the city's Parks and Recreation Commission to succeed Charles D. Gilson, who is stepping down after 10 years' service.

Diane S. Climo, the League of Women Voters vice president for community action and a former history teacher, is Dobelle's nominee for the post.

Mrs. Climo's name comes up for confirmation at tonight's meeting of the City Council.

Gilson, 69, served two times as the commission chairman since his appointment in 1964 by then Mayor Robert B. Dillon. He is the retired head of the Berkshire Eagle's engraving department. Gilson said he decided not to seek reappointment because he and his wife want to do a little traveling and eventually plan to move to Florida.



Joel Librizzi

Diane S. Climo

'Shares my concerns'

Dobelle said that women should be represented on the five-member board formed in the early 1900s, and said Mrs. Climo "shares my concerns" on a number of park issues.

These, he said, include the feeling that the city isn't funding the parks adequately, that a new master plan for park development is needed and that playground equipment is put out too late in the spring and taken in too early in the fall.

Mrs. Climo, who holds a master of arts degree from Columbia University, has taught on Long Island and was chairman of the history department at the private Day Prospect Hill School in New Haven, Conn. She is a member of the Springside Garden Club.

She is married to Dr. Lawrence H. Climo of the Austin Riggs Center in Stockbridge. They have two daughters, ages 4 and 2. Mrs. Climo has lived here 3½ years and was born in New York City. The family lives at 546 South St.

Gilson said he looks back with satisfaction at playing a role in keeping the new East Side Community School out of Springside Park.

Although it wasn't a popular position, Gilson fought against the proposal on grounds that if you keep nibbling away at a park "pretty soon you wouldn't have a park."

Gilson considers Springside "the most beautiful piece of land in the city."

Among his other positions were opposition to moving Park Square and approval of acquisition of the Brattlebrook Farm as city parkland "for future generations."

Gilson liked being on the Park Commission, liked its members and leaves praising its staff, headed by Vincent J. Hebert.

"I had 10 great years," Gilson said.

Fraser, Tagliente irked by 'nepotism' charges

By Peter Scheer

Mayor Dobelle's charges of "blatant nepotism" in city government hiring practices have drawn quick and bitter responses from two city officials.

In an interview today, Planning Board member and former City Council President John F. Fraser characterized Dobelle's assertions as "typical youthful impetuousness" and said that the Mayor had "branded people guilty without first getting all the facts."

'Laced with nepotism'

At his regular press conference yesterday Dobelle said that appointments to the city's 160 summer job slots appeared to be "laced with nepotism."

Without volunteering names, he showed reporters a list of summer job holders and indicated he was concerned, in particular, about the employment of Ann Tagliente, daughter of Councilman George M. Tagliente; Joseph J. Kirvin and Mark K. Pellerin, children of park commissioners Robert J. Kirvin and George J. Pellerin, and William S. Fraser, the 19-year-old son of the former City Council president.

Visibly angered by Dobelle's statements, Fraser said today that "his son should not be treated as a second-class citizen simply because his father serves on the Planning board."

A charge of "injustice" also came from Councilman Tagliente.

Fraser comments

Fraser said today that his son has worked once before, during the summer of 1972, for the Parks and Recreation Department, and that he got the job "through his own merits, through the Civil Service."

"I say that Mayor Dobelle is stooping pretty low when he uses our youth to shore up the myth of his great fairness," he said.

Declaring that the "honeymoon is over," Fraser then offered an itemized list of what he said were "not necessarily accusations of hanky-panky, but things that give the appearance of possible conflict of interest."

Specifically, Fraser charged that the mayor has not divulged his true role in the firing of Planning Director E. Boris Stahm. "He (Mayor Dobelle) played a major part in it, though he says he took no part. Fraser said that Dobelle had first included, and then deleted at the last minute, his signature from the letter requesting Stahm's resignation more than two months ago.

Informed of Fraser's charge today, Mayor Dobelle dismissed it as "an absolute and total lie," as he did all of Fraser's other assertions.

Father's appointment

Fraser also claimed that "there might be more than coincidence" to the appointment of Dobelle's father, Dr. Martin Dobelle, to the post of assistant medical examiner here in 1967. "Dobelle came onto Volpe's staff in early 1967, and then a few months later the Governor appointed his father to the position."

Dobelle said today that he had already left Volpe's staff at the time of his father's appointment. "That is ridiculous," Dobelle said. "I had already left that job and begun to work on the Sears campaign." John L. Sears was unsuccessful Republican candidate for mayor of Boston in 1968.

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"What's really going on here," Fraser continued, "is that the mayor is upset because he could not personally supervise the hiring of these boys and take political credit for it."

"There is a serious nepotism problem in the government, but this is not it," Fraser said. "The real problem goes much deeper and that's what Dobelle should worry about."

Earlier today, before Fraser made public his assertions about the mayor, Dobelle said that he had received "numerous threatening phone calls from city officials." He declined names or details, but said he was "'serious about correcting these abuses" and pledged that he would try to prohibit the hiring of city officials' children in future years.

Tagliente comments

Councilman Tagliente said today that his daughter had been done "an injustice" by Dobelle's statements and demanded an apology.

Tagliente said that his daughter, Ann, had taken Recreation Department - sponsored lifesaving courses to qualify for the lifeguard job she received this summer.

"She earned that job through the courses," Tagliente continued. "I couldn't ask her not to apply for the job."

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Arlos urges use of public drink ban

City Councilman Peter G. Arlos believes enforcement of his ordinance banning drinking in public parks would solve the problem at Deming field and other city playgrounds.

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle last week, acting on complaints, asked the police to crack down on drinking and rowdyism at the Deming field, off Elm Street.

"Since the littering and noise are the result of drinking," Arlos said, "strict enforcement of the ordinance . . . would go a long way toward solving the problem."

Arlos introduced the ordinance last year. Passed in December, it bans drinking on public ways or on public property. Arlos said it has not yet been enforced.

If it were, he said, abuse of the parks could be stopped without depriving people of their right to gather in the parks, even at night.

Dobelle probes nepotism charge in summer hiring

An investigation is being waged to determine if any "nepotism" is involved in the hiring of young people for summer jobs with the city.

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle said he instructed Administrative Services Director Diane C. Jackman to determine if city officials' children or relatives were being hired.

Dobelle said he was acting on the basis of several complaints he had received.

In response to questions, Dobelle said he did not approve the hiring of officials' children when it wasn't on a competitive basis.

"I'm not going to run the city that way," he said.

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Dobelle raps 'nepotism' in city summer hiring

By Grier Horner

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle today said children of Councilmen Peter G. Arlos and George M. Tagliente have been hired by the city as summer employes but should not have been.

Going through the list of young people hired for 160 summer jobs with the city, Dobelle said it is laced with incidences of "blatant nepotism" and a "subtle perversion of the system."

Commenting on the hiring of Arlos's son George in the Public Works Department, Dobelle said, "And Arlos is the man who professes to be the watchdog of the city."

Other instances

Other summer jobs, he said, have gone to Ann Tagliente, daughter of the councilman; Joseph J. Kervin and Mary K. Pellerin, children of Park Commissioners Robert J. Kirvin and George J. Pellerin, and William Fraser, son of the Planning Board member and former Council president John F. Fraser.

While the summer job placements here traditionally have included officials' and employes' relatives, Dobelle said the practice has to be eliminated where it is unfair to others.

Children of department heads, elected officials and members of ruling authorities and boards shouldn't be employed, he said. "There's got to be more respect for the city," he added.

But at the same time, Dobelle said he has "no problem" with the children of lower-ranking employes being hired on a competitive basis.

"I have to assume the responsibility this time," Dobelle said, "but next time there will be rules and regulations and proper advertisement of the jobs."

Dobelle had instructed Administrative Services Director Diane C. Jackman to examine the lists for possible nepotism after he said he received several complaints.

Mrs. Jackman plans a meeting on the subject with department heads Monday. Dobelle indicated it could lead to dismissal of summer employes hired by "blatant nepotism or patronage."

Local officials pointed out this morning that Councilman Arlos several years ago made an issue of alleged nepotism in School Department hiring.

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Any firing of summer workers is left up to dept. leaders

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Mayor Evan S. Dobelle is leaving up to three department heads the decision on whether they will discharge any youngsters holding summer jobs with the city because of their connections.

If the department heads feel "caught in the middle of a system that by tradition has been unchallenged," they have the option of taking no action.

But next summer, Dobelle asserted, things will be different.

All 160 or so summer jobs here will be put on a competitive basis, he said, and advertised in such a way that people will know they are available.

The summer hiring is done by the Park Department, headed by Vincent J. Hebert; Public Works, headed by Gerald S. Doyle; and Traffic, headed by Samuel Slack.

Most of the jobs go to the Park Department. By tradition the five unpaid park commissioners each get to appoint two youngsters to summer jobs without question.

About 40 summer jobs in all three departments — roughly 25 per cent of the total — have gone to children who are relatives of city officials or city employes, Dobelle said.

According to the mayor many people have agreed with his position on the subject but have counseled him not to fight the system.

"The American system seems to be based on who you know. I think that's wrong," Dobelle said.

Dobelle last week had cited several examples of officials' children working for the city. They were Councilman Peter G. Arlos's son, George; Councilman George M. Tagliente's daughter, Ann; Park Commissioner Robert J. Kirvin's son, Joseph; Park Commissioner George J. Pellerin's son, Mark; and Planning Board Member John F. Fraser's son, William.

All were employed in the Park Department except Arlos's son, who is working for the Public Works Department.

Dobelle said he was not trying to single out or hurt the children or imply that they were unqualified. Rather, he said, he was trying to illustrate the problem. "Many, many kids who also are qualified did not have a chance," he said.

No civil service test

Ann Tagliente, he said, who had started her lifeguard training with the Park Department several summers before her father was elected is "exceptionally well qualified for her position."

But Dobelle said he would like to "put to rest" the Civil Service defense that had been put forth by some people in connection with the hirings.

There is no Civil Service test for these jobs, Dobelle said. To come under Civil Service for these summer positions all a person has to do is meet minimum requirements, he said.

So far John Fraser and George Tagliente have issued statements defending the hiring of their children. Fraser's attacked the mayor and accused him of having been a party to nepotism when his father was appointed associate medical examiner by Gov. Volpe in 1967. Evan Dobelle had been an aide to Volpe that year but said he had resigned before his father was appointed and said nepotism was not involved.

Hole-in-one set by Civitan Club at Springside

A hole-in-one tournament has been scheduled by the Civitan Club for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 5-7 at Springside Park.

Proceeds will be turned over to the Parks and Recreation Department to improve the golf area for public use adjacent to the park area.

All Civitan Club members are selling tickets. Ronald E. Scussel is chairman.

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Dobelle, 3 others going to conference

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle and three other city officials fly to San Diego this afternoon to attend the U.S. Conference of Mayors' convention.

Accompanying Dobelle will be Public Works Commissioner Gerald S. Doyle, Parks Supt. Vincent J. Hebert and Solid Waste Commission Chairman Thomas C. Litwiler.

The city is paying for Doyle and Hebert, at Dobelle's request. Their expense will be $650 each. Dobelle, however, is paying all but $100 of his own costs. That $100 in city money is for his registration fee.

General Electric is footing the bill for Litwiler as a public service, Dobelle said. Litwiler is a GE executive.

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New diamonds may be built

City Councilman Peter G. Arlos and Parks Supt. Vincent J. Hebert last night inspected Brattlebrook Park in search of possible sites for softball diamonds to be built by volunteer labor.

Arlos said that softball enthusiasts had met with him earlier and told him they have a contractor willing to donate equipment and ballplayers willing to supply the labor.

Since there is a shortage of softball fields here, Arlos said, the effort would benefit the city and cost it nothing.

Arlos said that Hebert will carry the proposal to the Parks Commission.

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Dobelle, Fraser trade charges on nepotism issue

JUN 20 1974

By Grier Horner

Former City Council President John F. Fraser and Mayor Evan S. Dobelle today traded accusations as the verbal furor generated by the mayor's nepotism charges continued.

If Dobelle were so concerned with officials' not even giving the appearance of impropriety, Fraser said, he should not have hired a contractor doing $6 million worth of business with the city to remodel his house.

Dobelle labeled the accusation the "vicious comments" of a man who, despite his rejection by the voters in last fall's mayoral primary, "is trying to destroy a reform administration."

Fraser, one of those included in Dobelle's criticism of officials who let their children take summer jobs with the city, pointed out that contractor Joseph Francese who remodeled Dobelle's home is currently building the new library and West Side Community School for the city.

In addition, Fraser said, the city is on the verge of taking 20 acres of Francese's land off outer East Street for a park, a project Dobelle has backed.

Previous administration

Dobelle in turn pointed out that the library and school contracts were awarded during the Butler administration. The fact that Francese was working on his house this spring, Dobelle said had nothing to do with his support of the park project, also initiated in the Butler administration.

Dobelle said that Francese charged him $15,000 for remodeling the Pontoosuc Lake house the mayor recently purchased from his parents. So far, Dobelle said, he has paid Francese $12,000 and will pay the balance on completion of the work.

Because of the extensive remodeling work, Dobelle said the Assessors, at his request, have made an immediate increase in the assessment. They have raised its assessed value by $4,000 to $16,750. This will mean a tax increase of about $250. Dobelle said he took out a mortgage of $30,000 to cover the purchase and remodeling.

There is no basis for Fraser's charges that the contract gave the appearance of conflict, according to Dobelle. Fraser said he was not accusing Dobelle of wrongdoing. "But, as long as we're so concerned with public image in this year of Watergate, the mayor shouldn't have had anything to do with a contractor doing work for the city."

Old politics

Dobelle said his parents had been talking with Francese about remodeling the house long before the election.

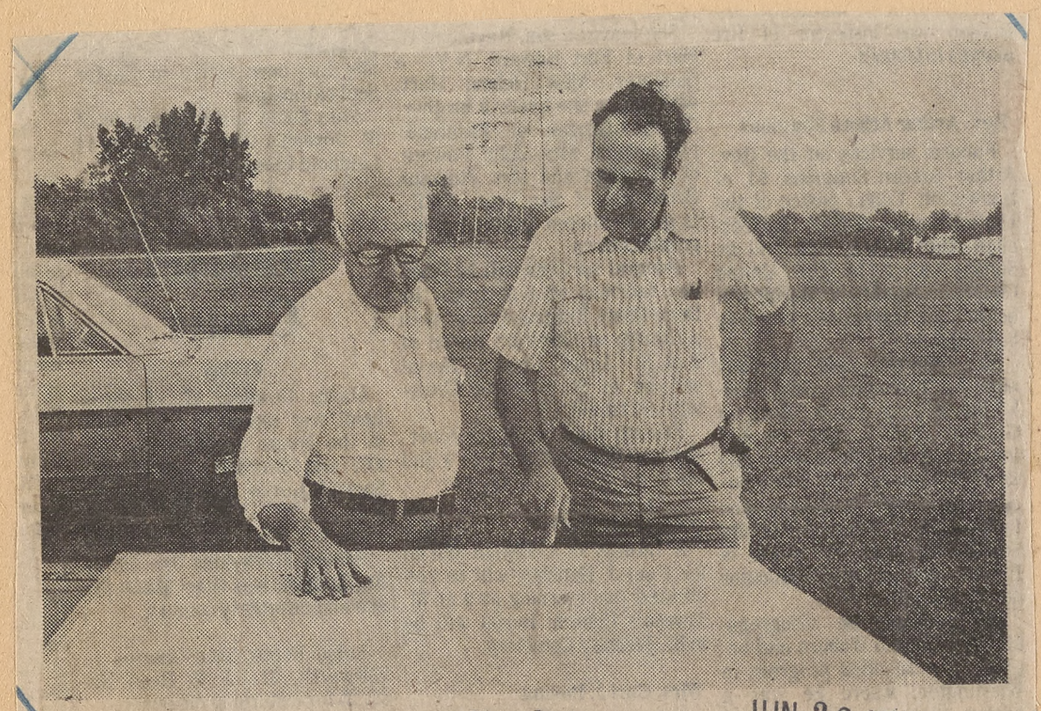
In his view the hiring of Francese "wasn't really a selection but just a carryover from my parents."

Dobelle said if he hadn't been determined to have the work done by a union contractor he could have engaged nonunion friends to perform the job.

Fraser represents the old politics with its "smear" campaigns and "vicious attacks," Dobelle charged, asserting that this was a type of politics the voters here have rejected. Fraser was defeated by Dobelle and Albert A. Bogdan in the mayoral primary last fall.

"Once again Mr. Clean, our mayor, has slid out from under a dangerous, delicate situation," Fraser said, "by saying he will take care of his nepotism myth next year." Dobelle has left any firings this year up to his department heads, saying that the hiring practices will be changed next year.

Dobelle said that Fraser had come to his office last Friday with the Francese matter and had tried to "blackmail" him into a retraction on the nepotism issue. The mayor said he told Fraser he could put his news release "in his ear" and told him to get out of the office.



Explorers JUN 22 1974

Vincent J. Hebert and Peter G. Arlos, Pittsfield Park Commissioner and City Councilman, respectively, attempt to locate their position on a plan of proposed development of Brattlebrook Park. They later toured the territory.

Judge orders probe of Wahconah Park fight

After about two hours of testimony Wednesday in District Court, Special Justice Clement A. Ferris ordered an investigation by probation officers of Saturday evening's clash in Wahconah Park in which two police officers and a 14-year-old girl were injured.

Judge Ferris announced the investigation after saying that he was satisfied the five defendants were guilty but was not certain how punishment should be meted out.

He continued the case until July 10.

Those arrested were three juveniles—a 16-year-old boy, a 14-year-old boy and a 14-year-old girl—and two adults, Eugene Quinn, 17, of 393 Columbus Ave., and Katie Adams, 39, of 90 Danforth Ave. All five were charged with disturbing the peace. Quinn received an additional charge of assault and battery on a police officer, Patrolman John T. O'Neil.

F. Thomas Collins, chief juvenile probation officer, said he will conduct the investigation in regard to the juvenile defendants and that Luman K. Sanford, adult probation officer, will investigate the nature of the adults' participation. The probation officers will talk with police as well, Collins said.

In court, Patrolman Raymond Shogry testified that upon reaching the site of a fight in progress at the park, the crowd turned its anger at him and his fellow patrolman, O'Neil.

A witness, Sally K. Quinn, mother of defendant Eugene Quinn, testified, however, that a fight had been broken up and that relative calm had been restored when police arrived. Then, she said, fighting began between those in the park and the police after a policeman alighted from his cruiser brandishing a billy club.

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Hearing set on changes in Park Square

Public Works Committee Chairman Raymond E. Crow has set July 29 as the date for a public hearing on proposals to modify Park Square.

Councilman Crow said that at that time his five-member committee will review Mayor Evan S. Dobelle's proposal to divert all traffic to the north side of the park.

Under the Dobelle plan, the street circling the park on the south would be converted to parkland, with some parking space worked in.

Crow also expects a presentation by the Berkshire Garden Club, whose proposal to shift the park to the south side of the square is opposed by the Council.

The hearing will be at 7:30 in City Hall. JUN 25 1974

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Keep square as it is, Pittsfield Grange urges

Pittsfield Grange 14 says the oval park in Park Square should be left where it is because of its "beauty and historical connections."

To protect it from current or future plans to shift its location, the park should be placed under the wing of the National Department of Parks and Recreation as part of the city's bicentennial celebration, the Grange says.

The resolution is being forwarded to the mayor, City Council and federal representatives. The Council is already on record in opposition to the Berkshire Garden Club's plan to shift the park to the south side of the Square.

Unanimous vote

The resolution was passed by unanimous vote of about 45 members of that organization located on West Street, a spokesman said. Ronald L. Scace headed the group's Park Square resolution committee.

The Grange noted two historical - agricultural events that had taken place at the square.

It pointed out that Elkanah Watson, long considered the father of country fairs in this nation, held his first country fair at Park Square in 1807.

In 1818, the Grange said, the "mistaken belief that the iron plow was poisonous to the soil was disproved at a plowing contest held at Park Square."

The contest was won by using a metal plow owned by Thomas Melville, the father of author Herman Melville.

Alice M. Nutt is master of the Grange, which is filing copies of its resolution with U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte and Sens. Edward W. Brooke and Edward M. Kennedy.

Mayor proposes fund boost for social services

JUL 6 1974

Mayor Dobelle yesterday outlined his plans to increase the use of federal revenue-sharing funds for social service programs here.

In all, Dobelle will ask the City Council next Tuesday to appropriate more than $180,000 of the anticipated $1,061,000 in 1974 revenue-sharing money for programs ranging from the Alcohol detoxification program to the Pittsfield Girls Club.

Under Dobelle's proposed spending blueprint, Action for Opportunity, the city's antipoverty agency, would get the biggest share, nearly $58,000, to cover the organization's operating expenses for the fiscal year.

The City Council at its last meeting approved an additional appropriation of $6,000 to fund the agency for July. Action for Opportunity, like the two Berkshire County antipoverty agencies, is threatened with a cut-off in federal funding due to the recent dismantling of the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity.

Other beneficiaries

Two other organizations that would benefit substantially from Dobelle's planned revenue-sharing package are the Early Childhood Center and the EPIC drug rehabilitation program. The childhood center, under the proposal, would get nearly $34,000 in fiscal year 1974, more than double the amount of city funds it received last year. EPIC would receive $14,000 to offset a reduction in state funding.

Other proposed spendings from the city's revenue-sharing funds are: $27,954 for the Berkshire Mental Health Center, $21,000 for the Pittsfield Visiting Nurse Association, $10,000 for the Berkshire County detox center, and $5,500 for Family and Children Services of Berkshire County, Inc.

In addition, Dobelle has earmarked roughly $10,000 for the Pittsfield Girls Club, representing an increase of $2,000 over last year. Also, Dobelle will ask the Council to appropriate $5,000 for the Neighborhood Advisory Councils of the East and West Side community schools, and $10,000 to fund a master-planning study for development of the city's park lands.

While a larger-than-usual amount of revenue-sharing money would go to social services under Dobelle's plan, the bulk of such funds would still be used for public works projects and the purchase of equipment, including a new $45,000 fire engine for the Fire Department and eight new police vehicles.

In other areas Dobelle has tentatively planned to spend $100,000 this year to clean up the Housatonic River and eliminate weeds in Pontoosuc Lake, and $150,000 to meet unforeseen expenses and tax relief.

JUL 23 1974

Mayor seeks ways to thwart vandalism of parks, schools

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle is trying to come up with ideas and programs to help ease the costly problem of vandalism in the parks and schools.

Dobelle mounted the effort in a meeting of a dozen people at his office this morning.

The mayor said that despite "thousands upon thousands of dollars' damage" not enough has been done over the years to deter the destruction or rechannel the energy of the small minority of young people causing it.

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According to city Public Building Supt. Harold T. Grandshaw, vandalism to city-owned buildings last year cost $44,200 to repair.

Much of the damage involved broken windows in school and park buildings. To replace the glass alone cost $34,000 last year in material and city labor. The price tag for the first six months this year was $19,396.

The consensus of the session, Dobelle said, is that vandalism is done for three reasons: the thrill, grudges and because the kids have nothing else to do.

"We can perhaps correct the third," the mayor told reporters. "The other two are much tougher."

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Talk during the session included, among other things, these ideas:

—Creation of police cadet and police athletic programs.

—Setting up park councils composed of young people to create among young people a sense of control over and responsibility for the various neighborhood parks.

—Creation of youth centers.

Dobelle said another meeting will be held in 10 days to two weeks after city Administrative Services Director Diane C. Jackman has a chance to perform some research on insurance aspects and the youth council's approach.

At the session were representatives of the Park Department, the School Department, Police Department, the Girls Club, Boys' Club, YMCA, probation office and Action for Opportunity, the local antipoverty organization.

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Garden Club supports mayor on Park Square

A public hearing will be held Monday night on Mayor Evan S. Dobelle's Park Square plan.

It will have the backing of members of the Berkshire Garden Club, who earlier had proposed relocating the park.

That idea, however, ran into heavy City Council opposition.

Dobelle would leave the park where it is but enlarge it and end the rotary traffic pattern that makes it an island. His approach would be to convert the existing roadway on the park's south side to added parkland and parking.

The plan would necessitate widening the road on the north side of the park.

Mrs. Edgar Buttenheim, who had presented the club's plan to the Council, said last night:

"We feel Mayor Dobelle's plan is a good plan and the club considers it a good compromise."

The 7 p.m. hearing in the City Hall will be before Councilman Raymond E. Crow's Public Works Committee.

At 6:45 the committee will conduct a hearing on resurfacing Onota Street between Linden Street and Lakeway Drive.

Tennis courts to be supervised

The Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that, for the first time in more than 10 years, the three asphalt tennis courts at North, South and Crosby Junior high schools will be supervised by Park Department personnel.

Starting Monday, the courts will be supervised from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and 6 to 9 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and from 1 to 9 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. The courts will not be supervised afternoons, but will be open for play.

Reservations may be made by signing up on an hourly basis with the supervisor at the courts. No fee will be charged.

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JUL 24 1974

Mayor sees problem at Clapp Park

The curbing that runs around the track at Clapp Park interferes with baseball, Mayor Evan Dobelle says.

Dobelle is asking the Park Department to examine the problem in its forthcoming park master plan for which the City Council has just approved $10,000.

According to the mayor, one possible solution would be to convert Clapp to a track park and move the baseball diamond to another site.

Dobelle's concern with the curbing stemmed from watching a game between the Tyler Aces and Post 68 Monday.

A ball hit to center field hit the track curbing "and allowed a couple runs to score," Dobelle said.

"If it had meant the ball game, which I don't think it did, it would have been an unfortunate incident," Dobelle said.

It is not the first time this season a ball has bounced off the curbing there. The track and ball diamond there are used by Pittsfield High School. Some observers have never understood the need for the curbing around the track.

N.Y. firm given contract to update park plan

The city Park Commission today awarded the Allen Organization of Glens Falls, N.Y., a $7,500 contract to update that consulting firm's 1947 master plan for the city's parks.

The new recreational overview for Pittsfield is expected to be completed by February and will consider, among other things, use of school grounds as parks.

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle, with City Council approval, had provided up to $10,000 in federal revenue-sharing money to undertake the study.

Dobelle said the Allen plan will consider population trends and distribution, neighborhood patterns, existing and proposed streets, zoning, recreational programs, etc.

The Allen Organization specializes in park and recreational planning.

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Marchisio urges 20-acre park plans be dropped

City Councilman Henry V. Marchisio says the city should drop its plan to take a 20-acre tract for parkland in the Yankee Orchards neighborhood and accept a three-acre gift parcel instead.

The three acres is being donated by contractor Del Virgilio. Estimates have put the cost of buying 20 acres owned by contractor Joseph Francese at from $40,000 to $70,000.

Marchisio, in whose ward that outer East Street district is located, said the three acres has the approval of the chairman of the Conservation Commission.

Meanwhile, Mayor Evan S. Dobelle says he feels it's up to Marchisio to determine if three acres is sufficient to meet neighborhood needs.

If it is, Dobelle said, the city should act to accept Virgilio's donation quickly so Francese can sell his 20 acres to private parties.

Marchisio says the 600-foot deep Virgilio property, when some fill is laid, would make an excellent park, large enough to accommodate a baseball field and football field and other equipment.

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'Summit' talks proposed on vandalism problem

The Board of Park Commissioners decided Tuesday to consult with Mayor Evan S. Dobelle on a proposal to hold a "summit meeting" on the subject of vandalism in Pittsfield.

Dobelle today welcomed the idea and suggested that a citizens' committee might be formed to look into the "root causes" of vandalism.

"It's a problem that we have to deal with if only for the reason that it is costing the city an extraordinary amount of money," he said.

15 reports

In the last two weeks the Department of Parks and Recreation has received about 15 reports of damage to almost that many parks, Supt. Vincent J. Hebert said yesterday.

Over the weekend a special playground for retarded children at the Highland School received about $200 in damage to a slide, a seesaw, picnic tables and a fence, Hebert reported.

On June 21 vandals inflicted about $500 damage to swings and other equipment at Lakewood Park.

The proposed summit meeting would be open to city, school, park and police officials and other citizens interested in stopping vandalism.

In other business Tuesday, the board voted unanimously in favor of retaining Park Square in its current position and at its current size. A number of proposals have been made recently for altering the historic square.

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Council committee, in 4-1 vote, kills mayor's Park Square plan

By Peter Scheer

Mayor Dobelle's plan to beautify Park Square was apparently killed last night at the hands of a skeptical and tradition-minded City Council committee.

On a 4-1 vote, the public works committee turned aside the mayor's proposal to expand the green space and eliminate the traffic rotary. The councilmen recommended instead that Park Square be "left alone" and that tests be conducted there to see whether traffic lights can be adjusted to relieve some of the congestion.

Today Dobelle said he has abandoned his plan because "I don't pursue deadends." In a meeting with reporters he said he would direct the city's Park Commission to clean up the park as a bicentennial project.

Cleanup set instead

"I'm pleased that everyone has at least reached agreement that the park should not be moved," he commented.

Dobelle said the cleanup would entail regrassing of the oval, repair of its walls and sidewalks and perhaps the installation of gas lamps.

The committee's action last night came at the close of a brief, one-hour-long public hearing that drew as many supporters as detractors of the beautification plan. The only dissenting vote was cast by committee chairman Raymond E. Crow.

Specifically, Dobelle's plan, which he outlined at the beginning of the hearing, would leave Park Square essentially where it is but extend the green space southward to connect with Bank Row. This would divert all traffic to the north side of the island and permit the direct flow of traffic from South Street through to North Street.

To accommodate the heavier traffic flow on the north side of Park Square, Dobelle's proposal envisions a widening of East Street from Wendell Avenue west.

The main objections to the plan were raised by merchants in the area who protested that widening of East Street and extension of the park to Bank Row would hurt business.

The existing roadway along the park's southern side is a "necessary artery," argued Harvey B. Haddad, owner of the Haddad Rug Co. at 32 Bank Row. "This plan would kill us. We need that road for trucks and there is no alternate service route."

Thomas R. Carrington, president of the Berkshire County Savings Bank at 24 North St., concurred. He said he objected mainly to the elimination of parking on East Street and the possible taking of sidewalk in front of the Old Town Hall.

After the meeting, committee members indicated they voted against the proposal for reasons of expediency and tradition. Councilman Angelo C. Stracuzzi, sponsor of the motion to reject Dobelle's proposal, said he was not convinced that through-traffic from South Street to North Street would substantially relieve congestion in the Park Square area.

Councilman Henry V. Marchisio said he favored the Mayor's concept but voted against it because "of the importance of tradition . . . It's a good idea, but just not important or necessary enough to warrant changing a landmark like Park Square."

Scelsi sees aid coming for Onota fishing pier

State Rep. Joseph S. Scelsi of Pittsfield says the state Access Board is going to come up with the money to build a fishing pier in Onota Lake.

Concerned about delay in implementing the pier project he had petitioned for as a City Council president several years ago, Scelsi invited Access Board officials here yesterday.

Access Board chairman Karl Nordin and member James M. Shepard met with Scelsi, Mayor Evan S. Dobelle, Parks Supt. Vincent J. Hebert and Conservation Commission chairman Franklin H. Controy.

Full support predicted

After re-examining the site of the proposed pier — it would be built near the present boat ramp—they indicated to Scelsi that the state would probably pay the full cost of the pier.

Bids which came in last year but which were never accepted because of lack of funds, put the cost at between $18,800 and $40,000.

The Rotary Club here had raised $8,000 to build the pier, but Scelsi said that money presumably will not be needed now.

"There are still a few things to iron out, but the state's going to come up with the money," Scelsi said.

The 75-by-25-foot fishing pier is seen by Scelsi as a facility that would enable elderly and handicapped anglers as well as the general public to enjoy fishing at that popular spot.

The state is also expected to come up with funds to build a new boat ramp at the lake. It is to go in at a new location.

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Ways to reduce vandalism scanned by study group

A special committee is investigating measures ranging from a police cadet corps to widespread use of the community-school concept as means of combating vandalism here.

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle's special vandalism committee, meeting at 8 this morning, decided to explore over the next 10 days:

—The availability of federal funding to set up a small police-cadet program which Dobelle said would give young men and women a chance to learn about police operations from the inside.

—Activities designed to generate pride in the schools among their students.

Longer park season

The desirability of extending the park season and of keeping the parks open later under supervision.

—The possibility of translating the after-school programs being set up at the West Side community school to the other schools so each, as Dobelle put it, "will be a place where kids like to go."

—The potential of incorporating an independent-studies program as part of the police science curriculum at Berkshire Community College so that policemen can work with young people after school as part of the studies.

—Creation of a Council on Youth to funnel state, federal and private money into youth programs.

—Setting up interchanges between kids in different schools "so kids from the various neighborhoods get to know each other."

After tentative ideas in these various areas are put together and sorted out, Dobelle said the committee will go to the schools to seek the "input" of young people.

Dobelle set up the vandalism committee composed of people from various public and private agencies here in late July.

According to Public Buildings Supt. Harold T. Grandshaw, a committee member, vandalism to city-owned buildings last year cost $44,200 to repair.

Grandshaw told the committee this morning that the highest level of vandalism in city schools is at Egremont School on Egremont Avenue in the city's southeast quadrant. The lowest levels, he said, were at Mercer School on First Street, Redfield School on Elizabeth' Street and Briggs School on South John Street, all in neighborhoods in the heart of the city.

Persons heading the various studies and their topics are:

Probation Officer Robert H. Melle and Administrative Services Director Diane C. Jackman, cadet corps; Juvenile Provation Officers David McNeice and David Kearns, school pride; Park Commission member Diane Climo, extended park hours; job-program director Peter Perlmutter and West Side Vice Principal Michael L. Hirsch, community schools; Mrs. Jackman and Boys' Club Director James J. Mooney, police courses, and James Ciullo of the Youth Resources Bureau and Atty. C. Jeffrey Cook, the Council on Youth.

No. 1 beauty spot

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

On Aug. 20, forty of our fraternal brothers and sisters from Retired Members Council 201 of Syracuse, N.Y., visited our council in Pittsfield.

We took these long-term GE people on a guided tour of Pittsfield (with Brother Charles Dery at the mike). The comments on the beauty of Pittsfield and environs were overwhelming.

However, the No. 1 beauty spot was the flower-garden display at Springside House. This is without a doubt one of the finest displays to be found anywhere.

Our hats are off to Parks Superintendent Vin Hebert and his staff for such an excellent example of civic pride and, perhaps, a work of love.

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Three councilmen oppose Camp Onota's acquisition

By Grier Horner

Opposition to the purchase of Camp Onota as a city park is cropping up among some city councilmen.

Three Council members, Raymond E. Crow, Charles L. Smith and Angelo M. Stracuzzi, have announced they will vote against it.

One additional no vote would mean that a bond issue for the acquisition would fail to get the needed two-thirds vote.

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle, supporting the purchase of what he views as a ready-made "people's country club," expects that the means of financing would have to be through a bond issue.

Is city 'park poor'?

The cost is set at $450,000. But since 50 per cent would reportedly be paid by the federal government and 25 per cent by the state, Dobelle says the actual expense to Pittsfield would be $115,000.

Crow, Smith and Stracuzzi contend that the city is already "park poor," as Crow puts it.

They point out that in recent years the city has purchased the Burgner farm on outer Williams Street and Brattlebrook Park off East Street, as well as expanding Burbank Park, which, like Camp Onota, is located on Onota Lake.

With these acquisitions the city now has more than enough park land, they contend, most of it undeveloped.

The three councilmen also say they are concerned about costs of maintaining and operating the proposed park during an inflationary period and about the loss of potential tax income from the luxury housing that would presumably be built on the camp property if the city doesn't buy it.

Compromise plan

Meanwhile, Councilmen Peter G. Arlos and Henry V. Marchisio came up with a compromise that Dobelle endorsed and had, in fact, already been moving to implement.

That compromise is to sell some existing undeveloped parkland at the same time the city buys Camp Onota.

Marchisio suggested that the large Burgner tract acquired last year be sold.

Arlos is petitioning the Council for creation of a special commission to investigate possible disposal of some existing parkland. Dobelle yesterday wrote the firm that is drawing up a master plan for the city recreational facilities and asked for a recommendation on whether some land could be sold.

A compelling reason to buy Camp Onota, Dobelle thinks, is the fact that it is already developed.

"We have no developed parks," he says. "There's not a place in the city to go with your family and spend the day."

Arlos also is petitioning the Council to set up a special authority to run Camp Onota. It could set up fees and franchises, he said, so the park would pay its own operating costs.

Dobelle, who things use of its pool, tennis courts and other facilities should be free to Pittsfield residents, says that an authority could raise money through special fund-raising events like band concerts.

In backing the acquisition, Arlos said, "we simply cannot afford the high social and economic cost of polluting this beautiful natural body of water."

The camp consists of 48 acres—its size was incorrectly given earlier in The Eagle as 55 acres—and is owned by Irving Rubin. In March he gave an option to Benjamin R. Bookless and James E. Stevens, two Pittsfield businessmen, to buy the property for $350,000. He paid $225,000 for it in 1966.

Bookless and Stevens paid $20,000 for the option, according to George S. Wislocki, executive director of the private Berkshire Natural Resources Council, which is trying to put together the municipal purchase.

Wislocki's group took an option for $75,000 to buy the land. Its final $50,000 installment on that option is due to Bookless and Stevens on Sept. 3.

While he had said yesterday that his group acquired the option from them in April, Wislocki said today that he had either misspoken or been misunderstood.

Actually, the Resources Council took the option just a week ago, Wislocki said.

Reason for haste

That, he said, is why the issue is now coming before the city in haste. If the city declines to assure his group by Sept. 3 that it approves the acquisition, the final $50,000 payment will not be made by the Resources Council. In that case, Wislocki said, the $25,000 downpayment put up by his group would be lost.

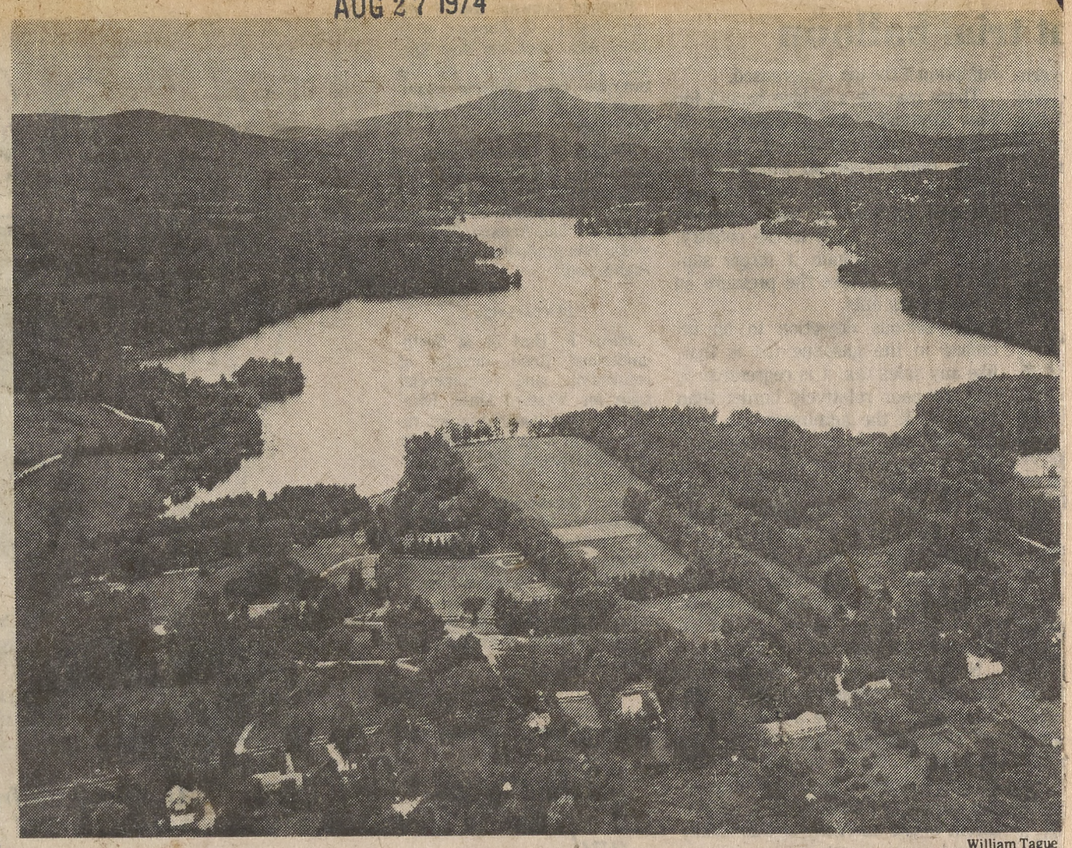
Planning Board Chairman Charles F. Sawyer, while commenting the acquisition would probably be a "very good" one, expressed concern today about the 11th-hour nature of the question.

So did Planning Board member John F. Fraser.

"Even a guy buying a bicycle has more time to look it over than they're giving the city," Fraser said.

In a special meeting yesterday the Planning Board "accepted" the Resources Council's report on Camp Onota but by a 3-2 margin failed to accept it "enthusiastically," as recommended by members John H. Rice and Gary A. Lopenzina. At this point the board has not yet made a recommendation on the acquisition.

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William Tague

OPEN FIELD on peninsula reaching into Onota Lake at the bottom of this aerial photograph is at northeast corner of the 48-acre Camp Onota property whose acquisition by the city has been proposed. The photograph was taken looking north across West Street toward Mt. Greylock, top center. Camp facilities include a swimming pool, ball diamonds, basketball and tennis courts, beach, dock, buildings.

Upgrade our parks before adding more

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Once again the familiar cry, "We need more parkland," is heard. I suggest that the City Councilmen and the mayor make a tour of the existing parks and take a look at the condition of the city's baseball fields — Minor League, Little League and Babe Ruth League.

Last Sunday, I played in a father-son game on the Wahconah Park Little League field. I admit that we didn't need a boat to field the balls like they did on the old Little League field; however, the first-base line is uphill and the infield and the outfield are in terrible condition. I realize that these fields have been used all during the summer, but the Park Department is supposed to maintain and groom them. At Wahconah, it looks as if the only thing planted was weeds.

Every dollar wisely invested in the development of today's youth — be it cultural, academic or athletic projects — will benefit all of the community because it will enrich the lives of all. However, it's not equally true that the *quantity* of ball diamonds or playgrounds determines how good a program is. The *quality* of what we have is what counts most.

Springside Park and its children's zoo and Burbank Park at Onota Lake are two other city-owned areas which need attention. Why let these beautiful places deteriorate when regular daily maintenance and cleanup would keep them attractive? I say it's time to make the best of what we've got.

Concerned citizens should contact their councilmen and ask for their votes against additional parkland when we're not using to the fullest the land we already have.

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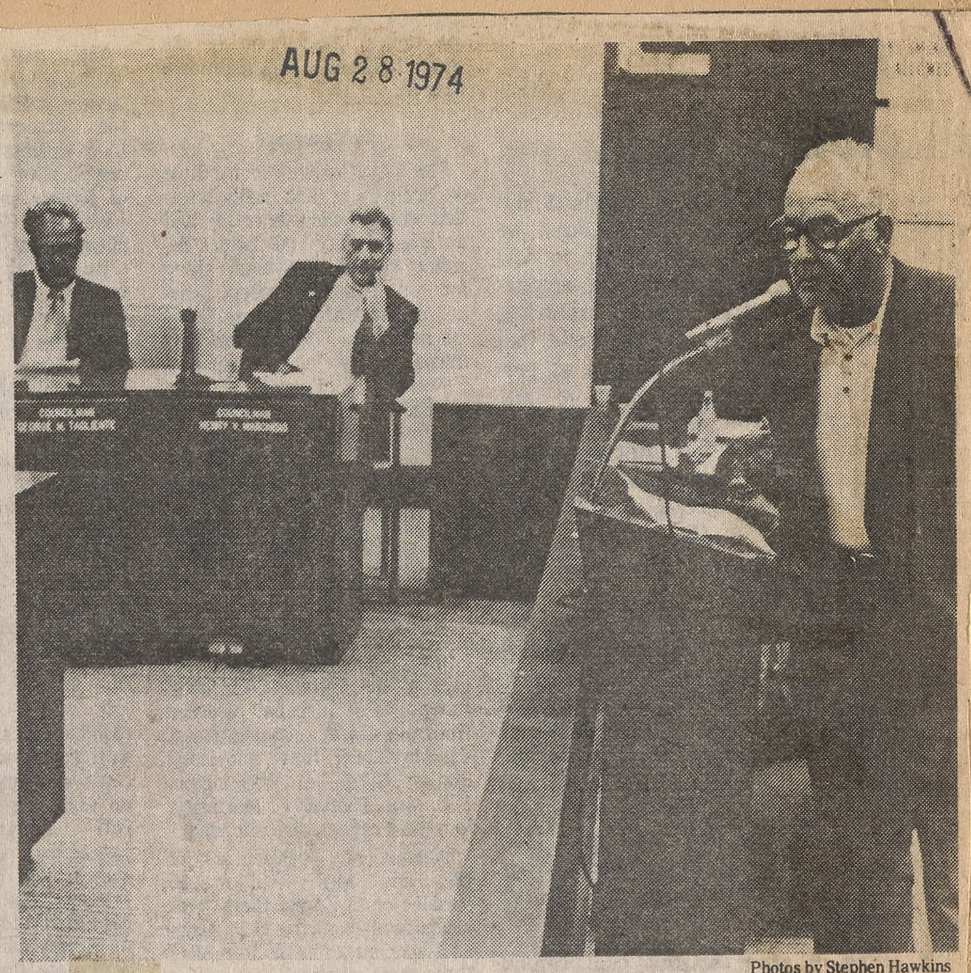
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SURVEYING THE SCENE from a point overlooking Camp Onota, city officials listen yesterday as camp owner and operator Irving Rubin of New York City, with arm raised, points out features of the 48-acre lakeside facility. The City Council later rejected purchase of the property for a park.



Photos by Stephen Hawkins

PARKS SUPERINTENDENT Vincent J. Hebert in an emotional speech to the Council last night urged buying Camp Onota. He sharply opposed proposals to charge fees and to put the park under direction of a special authority. Existing parks are undeveloped, he said, because the city has failed to put up money.

Camp purchase fails on 1st test

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and Henry V. Marchisio.

Councilman Robert F. Jakubowicz, who is on vacation, said he would favor the purchase.

Only a 6-5 majority

This gives only a 6-5 majority in favor.

Dobelle and Tully, who are leading the fight for acquisition, face a tight deadline in either putting through a compromise or mounting a private fund drive.

The Berkshire Natural Resources Council, a private group that would purchase and hold the land until the state and federal aide is cleared about next July, has only until Sept. 3 to decide whether to procede.

That means by next Tuesday the Resources Council has to determine if it will come up with the remaining $50,000 on the $75,000 option it bought 10 years ago from Pittsfield businessmen Benjamin R. Bookless and James E. Stevens.

Aid said assured

Resources Council spokesmen George S. Wislocki and Richard L. Reinhart told the Council the state and federal funding is virtually assured.

If it fell through, they said, the city's commitment to buy the property would end.

Some of last night's Council debate centered on who would use the park and whether they would be charged fees.

Councilman Arlos said it was not the type of facility that would be used by blue-collar workers and advocated charging for its use.

But President Tully argued that it would be used by blue-collar workers as well as others and that no fees should be charged. Dobelle agrees with that position.

"I'm a blue-collar worker," Tully said. "I'd use it. Pittsfield doesn't have one place where I can bring my family for the day and join in a softball game or tennis."

The camp's swimming pool, basketball and tennis courts and playing fields alone are worth far more than the cost to the city, Tully argued.

Besides Dobelle and Tully, Councilmen Marchisio and Brindle argued for the purchase.

Skeptics speak

But Councilman Stracuzzi said, " I don't think the city can afford it or needs it."

Councilman Smith said it either would be heavily used and therefore a "monster" to the neighborhood or lightly used and a "monster" to the taxpayer.

Smith charged that because of the haste involved — the proposed purchase first became public last Saturday — no programs or operating-cost analysis had been presented. The Council, he said, is being asked "to buy "a pig in the poke."

Ryan said today that he opposed the park because construction of housing there would not only provide needed dwelling units here but also work for hard-pressed construction workers.

If Dobelle turns to private funding for the city's one-quarter share of the purchase price a Council vote to create a park there would still be required.

Tully raps Stracuzzi for opposing park plan

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City Council President Philip J. Tully Jr. today said he was "a little disturbed" by Councilman Angelo C. Stracuzzi's opposition to purchase of Camp Onota for a public park.

Calling Stracuzzi the leader of the opposition, Tully said the councilman belongs to "a private club on Pontoosuc Lake that pays no taxes."

"This means the city is subsidizing the club he belongs to and his membership in it to the tune of $30,000 to $50,000 a year," Tully said.

The Council president was referring to the new Itam Lodge on Pontoosuc.

Stracuzzi has argued that the city doesn't need the proposed Camp Onota park and can't afford it.

In light of what Tully calls Stracuzzi's subsidized enjoyment of a city lake, the Council president said it "isn't right" for Stracuzzi to oppose subsidizing others' use of a public lake.

Other developments

In other Camp Onota developments:

—A petition drive supporting purchase of the property has been initiated by Ken Keehnle, a Sunday Sampler writer and Eagle pressman, and Theodore Hatin, who was once involved in local politics.

—The Berkshire Regional Transportation Authority has pledged its cooperation with Dobelle's plan to insure that there would be public bus service to the park from all sections of the city.

—Conservation Commission chairman Franklin H. Controy suggested that the camp could be made self-sustaining by converting its dormitory cabins to cottages and renting them to summer tourists.

—Councilman Peter G. Arlos introduced a petition with the City Council that would require setting up a separate authority to run the park on a "pay-as-you-go" basis by charging fees and letting out franchises for operation of various park facilities.

Keehnle and Hatin have distributed their petition to 28 bars and package stores. They said they believe the signatures collected will help win Council support of the park and dispel Arlos's contention that it wouldn't be used by blue-collar workers and their families.

Keehnle said it would be "obscene" for the city government to fail to acquire this park.

Mayor Dobelle launches campaign for money to buy Camp Onota

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By Grier Horner

A public fund drive was launched this morning by Mayor Evan S. Dobelle to raise the city's $115,000 share of the cost of buying Camp Onota for a municipal park.

"I urge people, whether they can afford $5 or $500, to call and make a pledge," the mayor said.

City Council President Philip J. Tully Jr. endorsed the fund-raising effort and pledged $100.

Tully said he has been talking with the five councilmen who have opposed the controversial plan for the city to buy the park by putting up city funds. "There seems to be no room for compromise," Tully said.

As Dobelle launched the campaign during an 8 a.m. meeting with the bicentennial commission, he received pledges from people associated with that group of $700.

The mayor, who views the park acquisition as a bicentennial project, hopes those who want to make pledges will do so immediately.

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His sense of urgency is based on the fact that by next Tuesday the private Berkshire Natural Resources Council has to decide whether to go through with its purchase of the 48-acre Onota Lake property. That group would hold the land for the city until the 75 per cent state and federal aid the city would seek is cleared—presumably about July 1 next year.

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Pledges can be made by calling these numbers: 499-1976, 499-1977, 499-4060 and 499-4061.

Dobelle repeated his belief that this lakefront tract off West Street is a "magnificent" piece of land that should be preserved for the use of all the people, not just those who could afford to

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buy the luxury housing he believes will be built there if the city doesn't buy it.

The mayor contends that it is a once-in-a-lifetime bargain since the property already includes an Olympic swimming pool, tennis and basketball courts, ball diamonds, a large lodge, dining room and kitchen, and playing fields.

In the view of Dobelle and Tully, these facilities are worth far more than the city's 25 per cent share of the estimated total acquisition cost of $450,000.

"I think the average taxpayer is willing to give $5 or $10 for a facility he would now have to drive to Northampton for, "Dobelle said. His reference is to Look Park in that community.

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Besides Tully's pledge, there have been the following pledges from people associated with the bicentennial commission: Howard J. Seyffer, $100; William A. Whittlesey III, $100; Joseph Garzone, $100, John A. Mattoon, $100; Warren A. Davis, $100; Charles H. Revord, $100; and Kit Dobelle, the mayor's wife, $100. In addition, Gary A. Lopenzina of the Planning Board, who stopped by the mayor's office during the meeting, contributed $50.

Dobelle saw Revord's contribution as symbolic of the working man's support of the park. Revord is business agent of the carpenters union here.

Dobelle said the money his wife gave had been earmarked for a weekend trip to Boston to celebrate her 30th birthday. But she decided to cancel their trip and donate it to the park fund instead, the mayor said.

Outside City Hall this morning, Dobelle said, two youngsters had each offered to give him $1 toward the park.

Dobelle said a nonprofit corporation is being set up to handle pledges. If for any reason the camp is not purchased, Dobelle said, the money donated would be returned.

George S. Wislocki, executive director of the Resources Council, commenting on the fund drive said, "I hope it works. I'm all for it."

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Even if the public puts up the $115,000 for the park, the City Council still has to vote to accept and maintain it.

The mayor said he is confident that if the public responds by contributing all or a significant part of the city's share the Council will approve the park.

Councilmen who have lined up against the park are Angelo C. Stracuzzi, Joseph W. Ryan, Charles L. Smith, J. Francis Senger and Raymond E. Crow.

They have argued that the city already has too much undeveloped parkland, that housing is needed there to generate taxes and that the city neither needs nor can afford the park.

Park Supt. Vincent J. Hebert, who backs the acquisition, estimates it would cost $150,000 a year — or 50 cents on the tax rate — to operate and maintain.

A move by Dobelle and Councilman Peter G. Arlos to provide for sale of some surplus park land as a compromise with the Camp Onota opponents failed on a 5-4 vote in the Council Tuesday night.

Editorials

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A once-in-a-lifetime chance

A number of legitimate questions have been raised in connection with the proposal for city acquisition of the 48-acre Camp Onota property on West Street. They are questions that can and should be answered.

But almost nobody has seriously questioned the basic premise that the city is being offered a unique, once-in-a-lifetime bargain. That premise is unarguable, because the facts speak for themselves.

What it boils down to is that the imminent closing of Camp Onota, combined with the availability of state and federal aid for municipal land acquisitions, has placed within the city's easy reach some $800,000 worth of ready-to-go, superbly located lakefront recreational facilities at a net cost to local taxpayers of approximately $115,000. It is really as simple as that.

Under normal circumstances, with plenty of time to think about it, one could hardly imagine anyone saying no to such a proposition What has muddied the Camp Onota opportunity is a complicated option situation which has brought the issue to a sudden head under circumstances requiring a faster decision than governmental bodies are accustomed to make

The hesitancy of some members of the City Council to take the plunge so quickly is easy enough to understand Nobody likes to make a big decision while a countdown is already under way and before there has been an opportunity to explore every last ramification of the deal

But the fact is that in this case there is already enough information in hand to establish conclusively the soundness of the proposition and the certainty that the city cannot go wrong The legitimate questions that are being asked—how the park would be operated, how best to pay for it—can all be answered satisfactorily But they are academic questions unless the decision to proceed is made first and now

The question of where the money is to be found may be the easiest of all to answer, if only because the city currently happens to have on its hands some surplus and highly saleable undeveloped land that could be disposed of as necessary to pay for Camp Onota. The most obvious candidate for such a trade-off is the Burgner tract on Williams Street, valued at more than $225,000 and acquired mainly as a possible site for a high school which isn't going to be built after all.

The question of how to operate the Onota property would seem equally amenable to satisfactory resolution. There are many options, depending on how the facilities are to be staffed and whether fees are to be charged. But even the highest maintenance figure that has been mentioned, $150,000 a year, represents only 50 cents on the tax rate—a bargain by any standards.

Easiest of all to answer is the argument that the city shouldn't acquire more property when it has undeveloped parkland already. If developed land is what we need, Camp Onota is spectacularly it. The needed recreational facilities are all there, ready to use.

In pleading for this acquisition before the City Council two nights ago, Parks Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert recalled the story of the Ramsey property next to Burbank Park—offered to the city in the early 1950s for $12,500, rejected as too expensive, and finally purchased by the city 15 years later for $200,000.

The Camp Onota property is of course in a different league, being bigger and far choicer, but the same point applies—except in one crucial particular If the land isn't bought by the city it is slated for immediate residential development Thus a failure to seize this opportunity now would be not merely a costly mistake but one that could never be undone.

Onota foes harden stand as funding effort grows

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Five councilmen opposed to the acquisition of Camp Onota as a municipal park today said further study and research "has only heightened our determination not to add another white elephant to the backs of Pittsfield citizenry."

Meanwhile, Mayor Evan S. Dobelle announced that the public fund-raising drive he initiated yesterday to raise the city's $115,000 share of the purchase cost has already received pledges of $7,000.

One of the donors was Dobelle's father, Dr. Martin Dobelle, who pledged $1,000. Those who want to contribute, the mayor said, can call 499-1976 or 499-1977 this weekend and Labor Day.

'Economic depression'

The five councilmen opposed issued a joint statement today saying they were being criticized by the mayor for not looking to the future. Their concern, however, is today, they said.

The five are Councilmen Charles L. Smith, Joseph W. Ryan Jr., Raymond E. Crow, Angelo M. Stracuzzi and J. Francis Senger.

"We are in an era of economic depression and people are begging us to draw the line," they said. "These are today's people suffering from high taxes, high prices and shortages of everything."

Asserting that administrative and maintenance costs for the park could go as high as $500,000 a year, they said, "we do not intend to be high-pressured into an 11th-hour deal . . ."

Their position held out the possibility that even if the public raises the money the Council would not take the camp land, which would require a two-thirds majority vote.

But Councilman Smith, speaking independently, said he thought that if the people want the park after the tax rate is announced, there might be room for compromise. This would probably require establishing the operational costs at an acceptable level and selling off some surplus parkland, Smith said.

Dobelle today said he couldn't see the annual costs for the park going higher than $50,000 to $75,000 a year. Parks Supt. Vincent J. Hebert Tuesday night gave an estimate of $150,000 a year. But Dobelle said there is no reason the costs have to be that high.

Dobelle said he was "very pleased" with the public response to his fund-raising drive so far. He is urging those who want to give to the fund to phone in their pledges before Tuesday.

At noon Tuesday the Berkshire Natural Resources Council has to decide whether to go through with the purchase of the camp. It would hold the property until 75 per cent state and federal aid was secured and then sell it to the city.

The five councilmen acknowledging it is beautiful land at a "minute" cost to the city, said their cost concerns were with the long-range expense of its operation.

Change possible

The five councilmen said the city already has 746 acres of parkland, much of it undeveloped, producing no taxes and "benefiting only those who profited on the sale."

If fees are charged for use of the park, they said, it would probably be used only by an elite group that could afford it.

But they left open the possibility that they could change their antipark stand.

After the tax rate is announced, they said, they will poll voters. If sentiment then is for the acquisition, they said, they would support the land taking.

Ruffer suggests city buy Camp Allegro instead of Camp Onota; mayor disagrees

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Real-estate broker Donald O. Ruffer yesterday suggested the city buy Camp Allegro in Richmond instead of Camp Onota on West Street.

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle rejected the proposal, disagreeing with Ruffer's assessment that the camp on Richmond Pond is "a much better value."

Meanwhile, City Councilman J. Francis Senger attacked the idea of buying a new park, saying the taxpayers couldn't afford it and questioning the propriety of some of the fund-raising methods.

Dobelle critical

Camp Allegro is too far from the center of the city, Dobelle said, and is also in the flight path of the airport. In addition, he said Richmond Pond is already fully used and location of a city park there would create pollution problems.

Ruffer said the asking price for the 140-acre camp with 25 buildings is $575,000. He said he would donate $37,500 of his 10 per cent sales commission to the city to help buy the land.

In another development, Kenneth Keehnle and Theodore Hatin, who are circulating petitions supporting the Camp Onota purchase, said they will ask the City Council to hold a public hearing on the Onota proposal.

Anyone who wants to circulate their pro-Onota petitions, they said, can pick them up at Del Gallo's Restaurant, the Tyler Restaurant or Foley's Beach.

Senger comments

Councilman Senger was one of five councilmen who issued an opposition statement that was reported in yesterday's paper. He expanded on his own views later.

Senger said he was "disturbed" by the fact that "a lot of people donating to Mayor Dobelle's fund drive for the park are his appointees."

He also questioned the propriety of the drive's use of phones paid for out of public funds and the participation of the publicly funded Bicentennial Commission's paid executive director in the drive.

Director John A. Mattoon responded yesterday by saying that his bicentennial group is chartered to conduct fund-raising efforts in behalf of bicentennial projects. Dobelle and the commission have named the park a bicentennial project.

Senger said the acquisition proposal should be put on the ballot. He said he's getting a lot of pressure from "Dobelle's campaign people" and suggested their effort could better be applied to downtown development.

Tax impact

The biggest problem with the camp project, Senger said, is the impact on the tax rate. But if money is to be spent for park development, he said there are more pressing needs. The Lebanon Avenue playground doesn't have a ball diamond, he said, and the Osceola Street playground "is just a field." Both are in his ward.

The councilman was critical of the "11th hour aspect" of the Camp Onota proposal. "Businesswise, it's one of those things that puts a doubt in councilmen's minds," he said.

Senger said he favor selling the city-owned Brugner Farm not to pay for Camp Onota as some have suggested, but to reduce taxes and to have it developed so it will generate taxes.

In their statement yesterday the five councilmen had claimed Dobelle criticized them for not thinking of future generations in the park issue. But Dobelle said he had not.

How the Camp Onota proposal was born

City's interest in property dates back more than a year

By Grier Horner

The camp business isn't what it used to be. That basically is why Camp Onota is for sale and being considered as a municipal park.

A lot of kids don't want to go to camp anymore, and a lot of parents couldn't afford to send them if they did.

Since the proposal to purchase Camp Onota was first brought before the public a week ago, it has generated a lot of interest, controversy and confusion.

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The following is a history of the transactions involved, as outlined by the Berkshire Natural Resources Council and others:

Irving Rubin of New York bought the 48-acre Onota Lake camp in 1966 for $225,000. It has facilities for 190 boys. But for the last few years, Rubin says, he's only been getting about 150 youngsters. Their parents pay just over $1,200 for the eight-week season.

On April 1, 1973, two local businessmen, Benjamin Bookless and James Stevens paid Rubin $20,000 for an option to buy the camp for $350,000. The option payment would be subtracted from the sales price if they decide to buy the property. Under the option they have to notify Rubin of their intent to buy by Oct. 1 this year or lose their option. If they decide to buy the sale has to be consummated by Dec. 1.

On June 21, 1973, then Mayor Donald G. Butler, who did not know Rubin already had given out the option, wrote Rubin expressing interest in city acquisition of the property.

The Berkshire Natural Resources Council (BNRC), a privately funded conservation group, had called the land to Butler's attention. Rubin did not reply

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On Oct. 31, 1973, Butler wrote Rubin again. At about that time the mayor and BNRC learned it was already under option.

In May this year the BNRC sat down with Bookless and Stevens. Bookless, who is in the investment business, and Stevens, a carpet merchant, told them they were asking $650,000 for the property. At that time they were advertising it in the New England Quarterly Journal.

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George S. Wislocki, executive director of the BNRC, said his group delayed moving on any purchase then. Their thinking at the time was that, with the tight money market, Stevens and Bookless would not be able to find a buyer before their option expired. In that event the BNRC planned to negotiate directly with Rubin.

Then about Aug. 8 Bookless and Stevens asked the BNRC if it was still interesting in buying from them. They put the price in the $500,000 range, Wislocki said, and the BNRC told them it was "too rich for our blood."

About Aug. 10 Bookless and Stevens advised the BNRC there was a competitor for the property. They gave the group until Aug. 13 to decide whether to take an option. By this time, following negotiations, the price had dropped to $425,000.

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"We got an indication from a source that the competitor's offer was quite real and we had to act. So we did," Wislocki said.

"Not only was there a buyer," Bookless said. "There still is."

He told a reporter that he and Stevens in concert with out-of-town partners are prepared to purchase the land at a total price of more than $425,000. The would-be buyers would like to build apartments there. But in a discussion with Mayor Evan S. Dobelle some time ago, they were informed he would oppose that use.

"Mr. Stevens and I saw ourselves involved in a zoning fight and a lot of hard work for the next few years," Bookless said.

Therefore, he said, they would rather sell to the BNRC because "this way it's quick and clean."

If they sell to the BNRC, they will make a gross profit of $75,000. From that has to be deducted their costs of advertising, entertaining, legal fees and other costs, Bookless said. The profit will be split between them.

"I feel it's a fair profit," Wislocki said.

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"We've had an offer of $1 million net profit if the zoning change was there," Bookless said.

By this he means they had a customer who would pay that amount if they first got the zoning changed for apartments.

"We'd gladly take it back if the city would give us the zoning change," Bookless said. But he is worried that the City Council would not grant that change because of opposition on West Street and Blythewood Drive.

Besides, Bookless said, "The nicest thing in the world is for the people to have it."

On Aug. 13 the BNRC borrowed $25,000 from the First Agricultural National Bank to make a down payment on a $75,000 option from Bookless and Stevens.

Next the BNRC sought sources of funding so it could buy the property for $425,000 by Dec. 1.

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On Aug. 21 it met with the National Nature Conservancy in Washington, D.C., and was assured it could borrow from them for less than the prime rate. At the same time it worked out an agreement with Rubin. If he were allowed to use the camp again next summer, he would be willing to let the BNRC assume his mortgage of $128,000 at a rate of 5.5 per cent.

Between the two arrangements, Wislocki said, the BNRC would be able to borrow enough to buy the property.

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On Tuesday at noon — unless it gains an extension — the BNRC has to notify Bookless and Stevens whether it will give them a $50,000 note to complete the option.

If it buys the camp, the BNRC will hold it in hope that the city will in turn buy it from the BNRC for a park.

Before the purchase by the city takes place, the city would apply for 50 per cent federal aid and 25 per cent state aid. If these sources fell through, it would not have to consummate the deal, Wislocki said.

Wislocki said the state and federal aid has been assured but will not be available until about July 1, 1975, when those governments move into their next fiscal year.

The BNRC's selling price to the city would be an estimated $450,000. Wislocki said the reason the price would be $25,000 higher than the nonprofit BNRC paid for it would be to cover BNRC's expenses for financing, taxes and insurance on the property.

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The BNRC if it moves to buy the property will not have to put up the full $425,000. Under an agreement with Rubin, the full amount would not have to be paid until the city purchase went through. In the meantime, BNRC would put up roughly $160,000, including the option money.

If the sale with the city fell through, the BNRC would be responsible for the full $425,000, however.

Some observers believe the BNRC's protection of its investment is the land itself. If the sale to the city was not consummated, the BNRC would have the opportunity to sell the property to a private buyer, a situation Wislocki said it hopes to avoid.

Camp Onota fund drive nears one-third of goal

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The public fund-raising drive to purchase Camp Onota as a municipal park gained momentum yesterday with a $25,000 pledge in the memory of Donald B. Miller, the late publisher of The Eagle and an active conservationist.

This gift by his family and pledges by 300 other donors brought the total raised in the first 30 hours of Mayor Evan S. Dobelle's appeal for public support to $35,000.

Dobelle said he was "most encouraged" by the gifts that brought the drive to almost one-third of its $115,000 goal and predicted "massive support by the people now."



Donald B. Miller

Other developments

In other developments Dobelle announced:

—Berkshire Community College has offered to set up work-study programs in its recreation leadership, restaurant - hotel management and environmental science departments through which students could get credit for helping run and staff the park. Dobelle said this would "literally cut in half" his earlier cost estimates of $50,000 to $75,000 annually to operate and maintain the park.

—President Louise Hannon, the Golden Ager Club and President Maude Green of the Senior Citizens Club have launched a drive among the city's older residents in support of Camp Onota.

—Former mayors Robert B. Dillon, Remo Del Gallo and Donald G. Butler have thrown their support to the acquisition. In concert with Council President Philip J. Tully Jr., Carpenters Union Business Agent Charles H. Revord, Eagle Cafe owner Nicholas M. Mele and Dobelle, they are sponsoring an ad in today's Eagle soliciting contributions.

Dobelle turned to a public fund drive Thursday after it became apparent the City Council would not give the necessary two-thirds vote to commit the city to its one-quarter share of the $450,000 cost of buying the 48-acre lakefront property.

Dobelle said an estimate by five opposing councilmen that operating and maintenance costs would run up to $500,000 a year was a "totally erroneous and emotional figure."

The mayor said those who want to contribute to the park drive can phone in pledges between 9 and 6 today, tomorrow and Labor Day. The numbers to call are 499-1976, 499-1977, 499-4060 and 499-4061.

The phone number for the senior citizens' drive is 447-7374. Dobelle said he was terribly pleased by their effort in behalf of the park, especially since most of them are on limited, fixed incomes.

Among other donors yesterday were Dr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Glodt. Dr. Glodt is president of the Blythewood Drive homeowners' association.

The Bionomics Recycling Project, Inc., donated $100. President Carter Terenzini said his nonprofit group wanted to support the project because it felt the facility would preserve the lakefront.

Corinne D. Conte, wife of Congressman Silvio O. Conte of Pittsfield, said last night she was supporting the Camp Onota purchase.

The gift in Miller's name was given by the Miller and Burbank families.

'Time has come'

Lawrence K. Miller, editor and publisher of The Eagle, said in a letter to Dobelle that in the later years of his life his brother had "speculated whether one day this beautiful tract might be available for public acquisition and use."

"That time has now come," Miller's letter said. "I think he would have been impressed, as am I, that there appears to exist a broad-based public support to see that this magnificent piece of property be dedicated to public use and enjoyment."

The opportunity to obtain prime acreage for public use often comes "when times are uncertain and money is tight," but it should not be missed, Miller wrote.

Before his death at 73 in November 1972, Donald Miller has founded and headed the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, the private conservation group that initiated the Camp Onota proposal.

Gifts of land

The Millers over the years have given 74 acres of land to Springside Park, a park begun by their father, the late Kelton B. Miller. They also gave tracts for city beaches, the YMCA's lakeshore site and various parks and playgrounds.

In addition, Donald Miller purchased and sold the governmental bodies at cost large tracts on Mt. Greylock, October Mountain and other locations.

Donald Miller, who had been an ecologist long before the word became popular, served for a time on the Pittsfield Park Commission before entering the Navy in World War II. He also served for 10 years on the state Board of Natural Resources. In 1963 he received the Massachusetts Trustees of Reservations' annual award for outstanding service in conservation.

Letters to the Editor

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Views about Camp Onota

First a land-swap for Camp Onota

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

In response to your Aug. 29 editorial advocating the city's purchase of Camp Onota, "A once - in - a - lifetime chance," I believe the people of Pittsfield have sufficient time before the decision must be made to consider the questions: Does the purchase fit into some scheme, plan or policy? Or is the purchase merely a whim, like the impulsive buy of a child, made because it's a once-in-a-lifetime chance . . . and it looks so nice?

I believe this quick purchase is unrelated to any plan, and we would not suffer by passing it up.

However, if the sellers would accept the Burgner property at full value, as partial payment, this would be a change in plan, a starting point. Then we could consider the total cost of what we give up in terms of jobs, services, property taxes and housing if we let it be developed versus what it cost if we buy, maintain, staff and police it, etc.

I for one, can't afford one more unplanned, whimsical or redundant dollar drain. I don't believe I am alone.

HOWARD SILVERMAN
38 Northumberland Road
Pittsfield

We can't afford another city park

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

I agree 100 per cent with Councilman Stracuzzi that the city cannot afford the luxury of supporting another public park. Even if the city obtains this property at no cost, it has been estimated that over $150,000 a year will be required for maintenance. It is exactly this kind of unnecessary added tax burden that has increased this city's tax rate by almost 40 per cent over the last five years.

If the demand for park and recreation facilities is as great as we are led to believe, then let us improve on what is already owned by the city. This includes over 700 acres of park land, 5,000 feet of waterfront property on Onota Lake, 2,500 feet on Pontoosuc Lake, two public beaches, 20 baseball and softball diamonds, (not including Little League), six outdoor basketball courts, 12 tennis courts, many playgrounds and a variety of other facilities.

How can any responsible city official vote "yes" for this when the majority of taxpayers want to see nonessential spending stopped. It has to be stopped because the average taxpayer cannot afford to be squeezed any more. A 12 per cent a year inflation rate, skyrocketing prices for food, gasoline, home fuel oil, mortgage rates and many more necessities are all good reasons to stop the spending fever that some of our elected officials have.

I think this controversial issue presents a good opportunity for the mayor and City Council to determine what course the city will take in the future. If it is to continue looking for ways like Onota Park, to increase the city tax rate, than a "yes" vote is appropriate. On the other hand if a more efficient but progressive city government through sensible spending within the taxpayers' means is the goal, then a "no" vote is in order.

RICHARD A. PERRONE
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Pittsfield

Mystified

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

I am mystified by the stand of Ward 7 Councilman Charles Smith against the acquisition of Camp Onota. Formerly, whenever anything came up benefiting the workingman, the support of Mr. Smith was always right there.

THEODORE E. HATIN
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Pittsfield

Citizens must act

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Buying the Camp Onota property may be our last chance to acquire for public use a developed park on the most beautiful lake in Massachusetts.

Many cities in our immediate area would consider themselves fortunate to have the opportunity to purchase such prime property. The Camp Onota property should belong to *all* the people of Pittsfield to enjoy.

Should the city not be able to purchase this property it would sooner or later go into "exclusive development" only to be enjoyed by a few who could afford the luxury.

At present the go-ahead is being held up by five councilmen: Angelo C. Stracuzzi, Charles L. Smith, J. Francis Senger, Raymond Crow and Joseph W. Ryan. It is imperative that concerned citizens contact these councilmen to express their views.

This land must be saved for future generations to enjoy.

JOHN J. ZUBER
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Pittsfield

An amazing vote

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

I'm amazed that Councilmen Smith, Senger, Crow and Stracuzzi can be against the purchase of 48 acres of land on Onota Lake by the city for a paltry $115,000.

Although I seldom use the Pittsfield park facilities I think it would be a mistake for the city not to take advantage of this offer. The details of whether users of the park are to be charged and how it would be operated can be worked out later.

In the meantime I would suggest that the citizens of Pittsfield get behind Mayor Dobelle and Councilman Tully on this one.

JAMES W. SIMPSON
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Letters to the Editor

Onota park: varied views

Consider the record before buying more

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

We are adamantly opposed to the purchase of Camp Onota. We urge others to do their homework — talk to their councilmen.

Consider the lack of interest in the fabulous potential of the over 700 acres of existing parkland. This does not include the recreational paradise of the Housatonic River and the exquisite trails, meadows and parkland at King's Way, the unofficial "people's park" created by volunteers at the city's former King Street dump at no municipal expense. The Park Department has not shown an unwillingness to develop and maintain viable parklands. It is the city that has either not been equipped or not seen fit to appropriate funds.

Criticism has been placed on opponents of the Camp Onota acquisition for not looking ahead to the future.

Consider that we *are* the federal government and thus in looking to the future will be forced in one way or another to assume the entire lump sum of $450,000 — not a cute $115,000. Scary? You bet! We're also not so naive as to think funding is at our doorstep. It's too elusive.

Consider how a price that has been inflated by over 100 per cent in four years can possibly be a bargain. That's scary too.

If $50,000 annual maintenance is low and $500,000 is high, consider $250,000 as an annual maintenance bill. With our record . . . you guessed it, it's scary.

Recently on WBEC's 11-to-noon show with the mayor as guest, an irate listener questioned whether the tax rate might rise an exorbitant $10 increase — and said if that were so, he would have to leave town. The mayor responded that there was much to justify a $7 increase ($61,000 additional for streetlighting alone) but if the increase reached $10, he too would leave town.

The assets of Camp Onota are excruciatingly obvious with or without full-page coverage in *The Eagle*. So also is a sounder economy excruciatingly obvious.

Too often we've been locked out of our beautiful Wild Acres. It's a hedgy guess that we'll also be locked out of Camp Onota or be charged heavily at the door. We would truly like to believe otherwise, but that's idealistic.

We implore first a hard look at Camp Onota — an open house, a public poll and a sensible judgment made without haste or prejudice.

WILLIAM M. WAKEFIELD
MARCIA J. WAKEFIELD
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Pittsfield

A developed park for whole families

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

I support the effort of Mayor Dobelle to acquire Camp Onota as a public park.

Having grown up in Milwaukee, Wis., which has an outstanding park system, I know the value to individuals and to the community of enough green space. There are two primary things which a community can provide its youth; a good educational system, and a healthy, attractive environment — a place to be proud of so that young people prefer to return if they go away for their advanced education, or choose to remain here and find work in a congenial atmosphere. A truly developed park could improve the environment immeasurably.

I can remember visiting one of Milwaukee's parks on almost every important occasion of my growing-up years. There were fantastic doll-buggy and bicycle parades, a zoo, plenty of green space for a pick-up football game or just a chance to play catch.

Whole families went on outings with not only a place to picnic but a wading pool, a fish pond, a lagoon for boating, a ball diamond, woods to wander in, swimming, shuffleboard, paved walks for those older (for whom bumpy grass is treacherous), a band shell, bike trails and on and on. These were used by everyone, at every age, and there developed a truly warm community spirit.

The very fact that we have some undeveloped parkland seems to me the best reason for purchasing this *developed* piece of land, Camp Onota. We can immediately enjoy its benefits while making plans for the other park areas.

There is no true park in this area. They just aren't big enough nor do they provide the attractions that are needed.

In the Milwaukee of my childhood, the highlight of every elementary school year was the all-school picnic held at the park closest to the school. I'll never forget them. I'd like Pittsfield kids to have the same wonderful memories I cherish.

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Political letters to qualify for publication must discuss public issues as related to the candidate. Mere personal endorsements and biographical data are not sufficient. No political letters will be printed on Monday, Sept. 9, the day before the primary elections.

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BNRC decides to purchase Camp Onota in hopes it will become Pittsfield park

By Grier Horner

The Berkshire Natural Resources Council (BNRC) this morning committed itself to buy the Camp Onota property in hopes it will be converted to a municipal park.

The private conservation group's commitment came when it decided to execute a $75,000 option for the camp purchase.

BNRC Executive Director George S. Wislocki said that although the "risk is tremendous" for his group, it decided to move forward for two reasons.

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One is the "enthusiasm" shown by the public as demonstrated by the fact that more than 400 people have pledged donations of $43,000 to the fund-raising drive initiated by Mayor Evan S. Dobelle last Thursday.

The other, Wislocki continued is the fact the "banking community has rallied around Camp Onota" and has agreed to substantially underwrite $50,000 of the BNRC's option expenditure.

The risk to the BNRC, as Wislocki sees it, is that the City Council eventually might fail to buy the 48-acre tract from the BNRC.

While a 6-5 majority of the Council has indicated it favors the acquisition, an 8-3 majority would be needed to take a bond issue for the purchase and to take the land.

It was because of the lack of that two-thirds majority that the mayor decided to turn to the public in hoping to raise the city's $115,000 quarter-share of the estimated $450,000 purchase price to the city next year.

The remaining 75 per cent would be paid by the state and federal governments. These funds, Wislocki said, are virtually assured.

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BNRC had to decide by noon today whether to execute the option with Benjamin R. Bookless and James E. Stevens, two local businessmen who hold the option to the property owned by Irving Rubin of New York.

The Conservation organization took out a $25,000 loan to pay Bookless and Stevens the first installment last month. It gave them a $50,000 promisory note for the remainder at 10:45 this morning.

By Dec. 1 the BNRC has to buy the 48-acre tract that includes a large lodge and dining room, a swimming pool, tennis, handball and basketball courts and playing fields.

The price to BNRC will be $425,000. But it will ask the city to pay $25,000 more than that figure to cover the taxes, borrowing costs and other expenses involved in the transaction.

If Camp Onota opens as a municipal park, it will be in the bicentennial year

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Joel Librizzi

CAMP PURCHASE decision is announced by George Wislocki, right, with Mayor Dobelle at press conference.

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BNRC to purchase camp

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of 1976. Under the BNRC agreement, Rubin would continue to operate it as a camp next season. In return, he would let the BNRC pick up his $128,000 mortgage at 5.5 per cent interest.

Meanwhile, two of the councilmen who have been against the purchase indicated that they could still vote either way, depending on forthcoming information.

Ward 7 Councilman Charles L. Smith said he needs specifics on what it will cost to operate the park and on what city-owned land could be sold to help defray the cost.

"The average guy in the street feels we have to draw the line somewhere," Smith said.

Smith said he feels this issue has been the focus of so much public attention in the last 1½ weeks because of the current "hard times."

The Council, he said had no choice but to go along with construction of a new $700,000 fire station, to vote $500,000 to repair Farnham dam and to subsidize social agencies by using federal revenue-sharing funds. But it does have an opportunity to exercise economy on this issue, he said.

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At-Large-Councilman Joseph W. Ryan Jr. said the five opposing councilmen have been unfairly labeled "obstructionists" by some park advocates.

Actually, the five, he said, are merely trying to do their duty as they see it. But they have been hampered by a lack of information, Ryan said.

The councilman said he and Smith have been checking out costs involved in operating the YMCA's Ponterril here and Look Park in Northampton.

"The information I've gotten so far seems favorable," Ryan said. "But we have not completed our study yet."

"I am not so much opposed to the park as to the annual maintenance costs," Ryan said.

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Mayor Dobelle said this morning that he is going to meet with the Council, the Allen Organization, a group preparing a $10,000 park master plan for the city, and the Parks Department in hopes of coming up with a solid operational cost for Camp Onota.

Dobelle and his wife, Kit, were among a number of people who took pledge calls during the three-day holiday weekend.

He said there is a "groundswell" of giving.

While the fund-raising drive continues, Dobelle said he still hopes that the Council at some point will decide to put up the funds to buy the camp.

BNRC was formed in 1969 by the late Donald B. Miller, who was publisher of The Eagle. It was set up to aid conservation commissions and related agencies in land acquisition and other conservation programs.

It is headed now by Fred G. Crane Jr. of Dalton. The other board members are Lawrence K. Miller, Richard L. Reinhart, Paul J. Major, Frances C. Paddock, Kelton M. Burbank and William A. Whittlesey III.

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Rotary Club's $2,844 pledge pushes Onota fund nearer goal

The Pittsfield Rotary Club has pledged $2,844 to the fund to buy Camp Onota as a public park.

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle, who initiated the fund last Thursday after the City Council failed to commit itself to putting up the city's share, said this donation brings the amount raised so far to about $47,000.

Dobelle's goal is $115,000, which would represent the city's one-quarter share of the acquisition cost.

The remainder would be sought from the state and federal governments.

City takeover hoped

The Berkshire Natural Resources Council yesterday decided to go through with purchase of the camp. It plans to hold the property for the city takeover which, it hopes, will occur about July 1 next year.

Dobelle said he was "very pleased" with the Rotary donation. He was notified of the service club's gift by former Mayor Donald G. Butler, president of Rotary.

The Rotary Club had been earmarking the money as partial payment for construction of a fishing pier at Burbank Park on Onota Lake.

But Dobelle said that through the efforts of Pittsfield state Rep. Joseph S. Scelsi the state will cover the complete cost of the pier.

Geary supports purchase

John V. Geary, executive director of the Berkshire Hills Conference, today threw his support behind the move to acquire Camp Onota, maintaining that the "preservation of open space is vital to Berkshire County's future as a tourist center."

Geary said "it has been the foresight of past generations in preserving open space throughout the county that has contributed much to making Berkshire County a scenic, tourist attraction."

He said that tourism is now the county's second largest industry and recommend continued acquisition of scenic land as means to insure its future growth.

"Pittsfield could set an example for other communities in the county with the purchase of the camp property to add to the county's inventory of attractions," he said.

Arlos proposal

This morning City Councilman Peter G. Arlos submitted a petition calling for appointment of an unpaid five-member authority to administer and maintain the property, if it is acquired, and set regulations for its use.

It would be empowered to enter into franchise agreements and set "minimal use fees," Arlos said. Among its members would be the chairmen of the Parks Commission and the Conservation Commission and a resident of the neighborhood.

Arlos has argued that the park, through franchises and fees, should be self-supporting. His petition, however, does not make that a stipulation. Arlos's petition will come before the City Council next Tuesday.

The mayor said that by the end of the day he hopes to set up a special committee that would study what programs would be offered at the park and set the costs of operation and maintenance.

Maintenance costs

Dobelle announced that besides the student assistance offered by Berkshire Community College last week, operating and maintenance costs could also be cut under locally-operated job programs.

Peter Perlmutter, head of the Berkshire Employment and Training Program, told Dobelle that the first-year salary of maintenance staff members could be covered by federal funds. Perlmutter also suggested that youngsters hired under a city-funded summer employment program could help maintain the park.

Mayor sees new tax rate favoring camp purchase

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Mayor Evan S. Dobelle said today he hopes some city councilmen will reconsider their opposition to acquring Camp Onota as a city park in light of the small increase in the tax rate.

The rate was set yesterday and climbed by only $1.60. There had been predictions by many that it would be far higher.

City Councilman Peter G. Arlos, for instance, had repeatedly asserted it would go up by $7.

"The tax rate is nowhere near what several people, who think they understand municipal finance but don't, said it would be," Dobelle said.

After the City Council several weeks ago failed to go along with the Camp Onota purchase, Dobelle initiated a private fund drive to raise the city's $115,000 share of the cost.

So far it has raised in the vicinity of $50,000.

The opposing councilmen have said that after the tax rate was announced they would take a poll and see whether the residents want the Camp Onota park.

Dobelle said the new rate shows that the city can afford to assume the cost.

"It is not an extravagance," he said.

The mayor said an analysis of the maintenance and operation costs will be available shortly.

Dobelle said he was pleased that Pittsfield's tax rate increase was low. While North Adams had no increase, he noted that Springfield was up $2, Westfield $8 and Holyoke $11.

2 councilmen may shift votes to support Onota purchase

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A two-thirds majority of the City Council would apparently favor acquisition of Camp Onota as a municipal park, provided the 48-acre property could be maintained at little or no cost to the city.

In interviews late last week it emerged that at least two of the five councilmen initially opposed to the land-taking would probably support it under that condition. Such a shift in positions would alter the vote on the proposal to eight in favor and three against, supplying the two-thirds majority needed for approval.

The two councilmen who said they would reverse their stands on the issue are Joseph W. Ryan Jr. and Charles L. Smith. The remaining three Council members who voted against the acquisition three weeks ago are Raymond E. Crow, Francis E. Senger and Angelo C. Stracuzzi. Of those, only Stracuzzi could be reached for comment and he indicated he would continue to fight the plan even if the park could be made "self-supporting."

Too much parkland

"It's not just the maintenance costs that I object to, though that's a big part of it," he commented. "I think the city owns too much parkland already and I just can't see buying any more, at any price, when the property could be developed for housing."

The apparent softening of Council opinion on the controversial matter was discerned two days after Mayor Dobelle set the tax rate at the unexpectedly low figure of $68, only $1.60 or 2.4 per cent higher than the city's last official rate for the six-month period between last January and July.

For months Dobelle and other city officials have been warning that the tax rate could go up by 7.7 per cent or more, and the expectation of a big increase has ranked as a primary consideration among many councilmen opposed to the Camp Onota landtaking.

Still, Smith and Ryan, the two councilmen who indicated they would change their votes provided the city could be spared most or all of the Camp Onota maintenance costs, insisted that the tax rate had had little effect on their thinking.

"Naturally I was pleased that the tax rate went up as little as it did," commented Smith, who has promised to conduct a "poll" of local opinion on the Camp Onota question. "But any increase at all is bad news, and just because the increase was relatively small doesn't mean we can spend money wastefully.

"I've always been more concerned about maintenance costs than the initial purchase cost of the Camp Onota property," he continued. "And if the maintenance costs could be covered by fees or some sort of state assistance, I'd have to say yes, I would support the acquisition."

Maintenance costs

Whether or not Pittsfield could operate Camp Onota as a municipal park without incurring major maintenance costs is a question that may be answered definitely this week. Allen Associates, a Glens Falls, N.Y., consulting firm, has been studying the matter for the last two weeks and is expected to announce its findings within a few days.

Mayor Dobelle said today he thinks the property could be maintained at a cost of about $35,000 a year without the charging of fees. Dobelle has taken the position that the park should be available free to all Pittsfield residents, but he has also held out the possibility that operating expenses could be minimized through the volunteer help of Berkshire Community College students in maintaining the park.

George S. Wislocki, executive director of the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, says he favors the charging of fees for use of the park, as does Councilman Peter G. Arlos, who defends the idea not only for financial reasons but also because "if we don't charge fees, the park will quickly turn into a dump."

Fund drive slows

In the meantime pledges are still being made to the Camp Onota fund drive, but the flood of contributions that started off the effort nearly three weeks ago has now turned into something of a trickle.

As of this morning contributions totaled exactly $$48,700, according to John A. Mattoon, executive director of the Pittsfield Bicentennial Commission. In the first week the drive attracted some $40,000, including one gift of $25,000. In the second week donations declined to about $7,000 and since last Thursday, the beginning of the third week, the campaign has received pledges of only about $1,000, Mattoon said.

Dobelle acknowledged today that the fund drive is losing steam and said he was "uncertain" about the prospects of starting an active solicitation campaign this week or next.

"It all depends on what the Council does at its next meeting (Sept. 24)," Dobelle said. "I'm hoping that, in light of the low tax rate and, hopefully, the low maintenance costs, they'll reconsider and approve the acquisition."

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Labor Council throws support behind Camp Onota purchase

The Pittsfield Central Labor Council last night unanimously endorsed the proposed municipal purchase of Camp Onota for a park.

Delegates from nine of the 16 member unions were present. Agreeing with some opposing councilmen that the city now has too much unused parkland, the Labor Council suggested that some be sold. The Burgner tract on outer Williams Street was mentioned.

The Labor Council also said that a purchase agreement should allow for the resale of the Camp Onota property "if actual experience proves that it would be too costly to maintain."

"However, we do not feel that this will be necessary, based on the estimate of the delegates from the municipal workers," Labor Council publicity director Ralph J. Froio said. The representatives of the city's blue-collar union estimate that it should cost no more than $33,000 a year to maintain, Froio said.

That estimate was based on the premise that the park would be maintained by the Park Department.

The labor representatives argued against charges to local residents for using the camp if it is acquired as a park. But they did not oppose charging out-of-towners.

"We strongly urge the Pittsfield City Council to purchase this property and not let this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity slip by," the Labor Council said in its press release.

Meanwhile, Mayor Evan S. Dobelle said there would be no need to stretch a sewer line toward the lakeshore area of the park.

Sewer Commission Chairman Jack L. Bennett had estimated that to extend the sewer there would cost $150,000.

But Dobelle said that a sewer line already extends to the top level of the 48-acre camp property, and he added, "I'm not about to run the sewer down to the lake."

And toilet facilities needed for the swimming-pool and lakefront area, he said, should be chemical toilets. These, he said, would be inexpensive.

"What Jack Bennett was doing was what he always does — a very thorough job," Dobelle said of the estimate.

Bennett had made the estimate as part of a report to the City Council sought by Councilman Peter G. Arlos.

The sewer commissioner had been asked how much it would cost to install a sewer line on Blythewood Drive at the same time a water line is laid there.

Bennett said that the sewer line there would be economically feasible, only if the O'Connell property on Churchill Road, Camp Onota and Blythewood were heavily developed for housing.

Only then, he said, could the estimated $1.25 million cost of the sewer be justified.

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Camp Onota fund nearing $50,000

Mayor Dobelle said today that the fund to buy Camp Onota as a municipal park has grown to "nearly $50,000," including the donation yesterday of $1,200 by the Greater Pittsfield Jaycees.

Jaycee President Edward W. Burniske said today that the contribution amounted to 75 per cent of the organization's treasury. The decision to give the money, which was raised over the year through bake sales, balloon sales and other activities, was made at a meeting of the Jaycees' 48 members Wednesday night.

"We decided it was a very worthy cause, important enough to nearly deplete all our funds to support," Burniske commented.

Also today, the Folk Arts Council, an Urban Coalition offshoot that sponsors the Ethnic Fair and other projects here, pledged $700 to the Camp Onota fund through the sale of cook books.

The volunteer organization said it would earmark 25 per cent of the proceeds from the sale of 700 copies of the "Ethnic Cook Book" to the Onota fund. The sale price of the book is $4.

Dobelle aslo announced the garden club of the Berkshire Athenaeum had contributed $100 to the Camp Onota fund.

Onota maintenance cost put at far below earlier estimates

By Grier Horner

Recreational consultants notified Mayor Evan S. Dobelle today that it would cost $18,300 to $28,100 a year to maintain and operate Camp Onota as a city park.

"I'm happy with this report," Dobelle said, pointing out that it reinforced his contention that maintenance costs would be well below figures of $150,000 and more that had been thrown around.

The report, prepared by the Allen Organization of Glens Falls, N.Y., makes its estimate on the assumption that the operations of the beach, swimming pool, boat area and recreation hall would be covered by charging fees.

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Dobelle, except for fees for renting the recreation hall, opposed the concept of charging for use of the camp facilities.

But he envisions other means of holding down staffing costs.

One is utilitizing unpaid Berkshire Community College students for recreational staffing as part of their field work in some courses in related areas. Another is using youngsters hired under the city's summer-job program to help staff and maintain the park.

The Allen Organization also envisions immediate improvement costs of $10,500 to $16,000 to open the park.

It suggests a number of long-range improvements that would cost $128,000 to $229,000. These include $46,000 to $82,000 in new facilities such as a picnic shelter

Dobelle says much of what they propose is unnecessary.

In his view all that would be needed for capital improvements would be $50,000. This money, he said, can be supplied at no cost to the city.

To have that happen would require that the City Council change its mind and put up the city's $115,000 share of the cost of buying the camp.

Then, Dobelle said, a $25,000 gift made in the memory of the late Eagle Publisher Donald B. Miller could be applied to the capital costs. This in turn would be matched by a federal contribution, he said.

The Allen Organization said it envisioned Camp Onota as an "unprogrammed park . . . where activities are not organized but spontaneous."

It said it would be ideal for picnicking, relaxation and casual sports activities. But in the consultants' view, it would not be used for formal organized sports because some of the facilities are undersized and the tennis courts don't have a flawless surface.

"This kind of park is often overlooked in the scramble to provide facilities for organized recreation," the report said.

"The camp has had loving care," it added. It's buildings and grounds, for the most part, are in very good condition."

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The consultants foresee staff costs of up to $19,103, for a park manager on a half-year basis, a caretaker, an attendant and police patrolmen.

Parking would be provided on the soccer field, which Allen says slopes too much to use for soccer.

The firm said 13 of the 16 camp dormitories and the camp infirmary should be auctioned off by the city. The other three dormitories could be moved: two to the shore and one to the swimming pool area. There they would be used for bathhouses containing chemical toilets, Dobelle said.

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Camp Onota's opponents make six-point proposal

Five councilmen who have been opposing purchase of Camp Onota as a city park announced yesterday they would reconsider if the mayor took six steps to ease their minds on park expenses.

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle this morning said he will "give them an honest evaluation of their demands on Monday."

Many of their requirements, the mayor said, are "easy to meet." Their request that the park be made self-sustaining through fees "would be the most difficult" to accept, Dobelle said.

"But if it comes down to a situation where he have to charge fees or there will be no park, I'll take fees," Dobelle said.

Limited fees

The mayor said he would never approve an admission fee to get into the park or any fees for the elderly. But he said he might consider fees for swimming, at least part of the time, to help defray costs.

The mayor yesterday received a consultant's report that estimated that operation and maintenance costs, if fees are charged for some facilities, would run no higher than $28,000 a year.

Dobelle opposes fees for use of the park and most of its facilities because he views the lakefront property as "a people's country club."

Councilman Charles L. Smith, one of the five councilmen, said he didn't construe the requirements they are asking as a roadblock to the camp's purchase.

Instead, he views them as a means of resolving the cost concerns that have bothered the five councilmen as well as many citizens.

Dobelle, who has been trying to raise the city's $115,000 share of the acquisition cost, hinted privately today that he might bring the funding issue to a vote at Tuesday night's City Council meeting.

Demands

The requirements laid down for reconsideration of the issue by Smith, Angelo C. Stracuzzi, J. Francis Senger, Raymond E. Crow and Joseph W. Ryan Jr. are these:

—That an unpaid authority be set up to produce a definite program for the park's use.

—That the authority present a detailed administrative and maintenance budget as well as exact costs figures for transforming the camp into a park for all the people.

—That the authority recommend a fee schedule for particular recreational use or activities to offset the operating expenses and eliminate any cost to the taxpayer.

(The first three demands are patterned on petitions submitted to the Council by Councilman Peter G. Arlos.)

—That the city sell on the open market the Burgner property on outer Williams Street, or similar parcels that have no programmed use, to increase the city's tax base while offsetting the purchase and maintenance costs.

—That a firm commitment be made that no new sewer facilities will be required. (Dobelle says none will be needed).

—That the city secure a letter of intent from the state and federal governments of their commitment to pay 75 per cent of the $450,000 acquisition cost.

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Improvement of Park Square under study

The Department of Parks and Recreation Monday night unanimously endorsed a proposal by the Pittsfield Bicentennial Commission for the restoration and beautification of Park Square.

The proposal will now be submitted to the state bicentennial commission for possible funding.

The formal proposal, developed by the local bicentennial commission's historical preservation and restoration committee, does not involve changing the present shape or site of the square, according to John Mattoon, commission executive director. Rather, he said, the proposal concerns restoring the one-acre park and emphasizing its more attractive aspects.

The bicentennial commission and the Parks Commission plan to get together within a week to develop the specific physical details of the proposal. Among the suggestions that have been put forth are the installation of new sidewalks and walkways, the relocation of new inner curbing and the planting of new trees. Mattoon's group hopes to use the park to present re-enactments of various bicentennial events and is requesting funding from the state commission to implement this proposal.

'Pay as you go' parks

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

I was pleased to read Nancy Q. Keefe's Sept. 13 *Eagle* column which, while it supported purchase of the Camp Onota property, also supported the concept of small fees for use of the park.

My position all along has been that small fees charged by a separate authority would make the park self-sustaining and keep it from being a burden on the taxpayers.

Ms. Keefe pointed out how the recreational facilities in her own community of Larchmont are run. There is no indication that such fees are antidemocratic, and there is only praise for the way the system works in her area.

We ought to remember that about 20 per cent of Pittsfield citizens are elderly retirees on fixed incomes which have been severely eroded by inflation. They are concerned not with recreation but with survival. Their use of this facility would be minimal, and they see no reason why they must support it with their taxes, especially in view of the extensive parkland which already exists in the city.

No one should have to be reminded that the present state of our economy, with high prices and high unemployment, requires extraordinary measures. One such measure must be to make sure that the Camp Onota property does not increase the tax burden of our citizens.

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In Brief . . .

Even if it weren't offered as a compromise move to win support for city acquisition of Camp Onota, there is merit in Mayor Dobelle's proposal to charge for parking at the park which may be established there. The revenue would be used for park operation, and the fees would require nonresidents automatically to help support the facilities — particularly if charged more than local users. Parking fees would also encourage car-pooling and yet would leave the recreational facilities themselves open free to all — plus being available easily via the public buses which eventually are sure to provide more frequent service past the future park's gates.

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Another park plan

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

In regard to the current campaign to purchase Camp Onota and convert it to park use, I suggest that the Park Commission look into the purchase of another property on Onota Lake, Camp Winadu, which also abuts Pittsfield State Forest.

This property is adjacent to Camp Stevenson-Witawentin operated by the Pittsfield Girls Club and financed by public support through the United Way. Both are waterfront properties.

All the benefits of Camp Onota are already at Camp Winadu. The area of the abovementioned camps would be much greater than Camp Onota. Put them under the Park Commission and the city would have a family area and it would not lose the tax potential of Camp Onota.

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MODEL OF SCULPTURE proposed for Park Square is shown with silhouette of a man, left, to give an idea of how large the completed sculpture would be. Proposal was made by sculptor Homer Gunn.

Joel Librizzi

Lightning-bolt sculpture proposed for Park Square

A two-foot high sculpture in bronze of a pair of lightning bolts zapping into the ground was displayed last night to the Pittsfield Bicentennial Commission by sculptor Homer Gunn of Richmond, who proposed that he make a version of it 10 feet high and that it be permanently displayed in Park Square.

The lightning bolts symbolize the area's connection with electricity, said John A. Mattoon, executive director of the Pittsfield Bicentennial Commission.

electricity was conducted by William Stanley in Great Barrington in the 1880s. In 1905 he sold the system he devised for transmitting electricity to the General Electric Co. in Pittsfield.

"As an abstract piece of art, I found it to be very attractive," said Mattoon this morning.

However, he said there was opposition by members of the commission to Gunn's proposal that a 10-foot-high version be placed in Park Square.

Mattoon said Gunn is asking $10,000 to build the full-size sculpture. Nothing was charged for the model.

The matter was referred to the commission's cultural affairs committee for research on where the sculpture might be placed and how it might be paid for.

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The snag at Camp Onota

Through an essentially trivial misunderstanding, what looked for a time like an agreement to move forward with the purchase of Camp Onota blew up at Tuesday night's meeting of the City Council.

It was an unfortunate turn of events — but hardly cause for despair. With a modicum of good will and common sense on both sides, there is no reason to suppose that the damage cannot be repaired.

The fact of the matter is that eight members of the City Council — the two-thirds necessary for approval of a municipal land acquisition — now appear to be persuaded that the Onota purchase makes sense. That was the important point at Tuesday night's meeting. The flare-up between Mayor Dobelle and Councilman Arlos, which led to the tabling of the appropriation order, was a product of frayed tempers and clashing personalities — not of significant disagréement on the basic issue.

Before the eruption took place, in fact, the councilmen acted affirmatively on one of the Camp Onota matters before them. They approved the Arlos petition calling upon the mayor to assemble a special committee to work on details for having the park run by a new agency, an authority, which would charge minimal fees for use. The aim is a self-sustaining operation.

This concept, which the mayor embraces at least in part, can be a valuable contribution in answering valid objections as to operating costs of the future park. In accepting it, the Council signified its willingness to pursue the acquisition idea — a direction clearly given by a heavy majority of the audience in the Council chamber.

That willingness may be fragile, but it seems to have survived the unpleasantness of Tuesday night. With so much at stake, it is hard to believe that the mayor and Council will prove incapable of ironing out the lesser points of controversy in time to put together a workable agreement.

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Mayor, Arlos deadlocked on Camp Onota question

By Grier Horner

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle and Councilman Peter G. Arlos appear deadlocked on the Camp Onota issue.

While both favor its purchase as a municipal park, they differ over the composition and powers of an authority that would govern it.

Because Dobelle has been having trouble gaining the needed two-thirds Council majority to acquire the 48-acre lakefront property, Arlos's vote could be crucial to him.

But Arlos says he will not vote for the camp until the mayor files legislation that would establish a five-member authority to govern the park on a self-sustaining basis.

Prefers 9 members

Dobelle is unenthusiastic about an authority but has said he would set one up if it consisted of nine members. This would provide for inclusion of the entire five-member Park Commission on the authority, giving the Park Commission majority control over Camp Onota.

But this is precisely what Arlos says he doesn't want.

"This added responsibility would only distract the Park Commission from the job that should have been done years ago," Arlos said today.

He contends that the park commissioners have not been articulate and persuasive enough to gain the governmental money needed to develop the city's existing parkland.

In a letter to the City Council Dobelle argues that with the type of authority he envisions the camp would be under the Park Department's jurisdiction.

This, he says, keeps the park under the direct budgetary control of the mayor and Council, "therefore not usurping our rightful powers, let alone the park commissioners."

In addition, Dobelle says, it eliminates a cost-escalating feature he sees connected with regulation by an authority. If the park is under that special authority's control, he says, improvements it might want to make have to be put out to bid. But under the Park Department control, he states, these jobs can be tackled by the Public Works Department. This would cut these costs in half, according to Dobelle.

Flareup

The dispute between Dobelle and Arlos flared up at Tuesday night's Council meeting.

At the time it appeared the Council was about to give the two-thirds majority for the purchase. But when Arlos asked Dobelle when he was going to file the legislation for a five-member authority, Dobelle said he wouldn't appoint a five-member authority.

The issue was then tabled. It can be taken off the table by the Council at any future meeting.

Dobelle said Council President Philip J. Tully Jr.'s statement that his answer to Arlos was "flippant" was a misinterpretation that was both "unfair and very frustrating."

There had been some confusion leading up to the exchange between Arlos and Dobelle.

Arlos's petition on establishing an authority called on Dobelle to create a five-member commission to pave the way for creation of the five-member authority. After an objection by Councilman Paul E. Brindle, Arlos eliminated the requirement that the pre-authority commission have five members.

The Council then unanimously approved the authority petition, setting the authority's membership at five. This number stipulation was one that Dobelle thought had been eliminated by the earlier change.

Among the five members, as Arlos set it up, would be the chairmen of the Park Commission and Conservation Commission. Arlos said that while this doesn't give the Park Commission control it does give it representation.

Council action on Camp Onota derailed by Dobelle-Arlos clash

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By Grier Horner

The City Council last night appeared on the verge of approving purchase of Camp Onota as a municipal park but ended up postponing action after a confrontation between Mayor Evan S. Dobelle and Councilman Peter G. Arlos.

'Only hope'

Council President Philip J. Tully Jr., who like Dobelle and Arlos supports the acquisition, said that after the exchange the only hope of keeping the park alive was putting off the vote.

Dobelle, who has led the Camp Onota campaign, today said he still hopes the Council will approve the purchase sometime next month.

He attributed the disagreement with Arlos to a "misunderstanding" caused by confusion over the specifics of a measure Arlos introduced to set up an authority to govern the park.

The action came before an audience of 170 that overflowed the Council chamber and spilled into the hallways. On the basis of a show of hands, the crowd was strongly in favor of the purchase.

Tully annoyed

Tully did not try to hide his annoyance with Dobelle and asserted that the mayor's response to Arlos was so "flippant" that it killed chances of getting the needed two-thirds majority last night.

The issue is now on the table and can be removed for a decision by the Council at any future meeting.

Whether the two-thirds majority will survive the delay, remains in question.

But the private Berkshire Natural Resources Commission after meeting this morning reaffirmed its intent to buy the property by Dec. 1, and to hold it in hopes the Council will go through with the acquisition.

The selling price to the city for the 48-acre lakefront tract with its buildings, swimming pool and recreational facilities would be $450,000. But the sale would only take place if the state and federal governments came through with 75 per cent aid, reducing the city's cost to $115,000 that would be drawn from a special account that would not affect the tax rate.

Authority at issue

The Dobelle-Arlos exchange centered on Arlos's Council-supported concept of setting up a special five-member authority to administer the park on a self-sustaining basis.

Dobelle, who has agreed to a special authority or commission, believes it should have at least nine members so that the five members of the Park Commission can serve and exercise the majority voice.

Otherwise, Dobelle contended today, the authority would become another "superagency" with little accountability to the people.

As the Council approached the vote on acquisition, Arlos asked Dobelle when he would produce the legislation to set up the "five-man authority."

"I have no intention of creating a five-man authority," Dobelle fired back.

Most councilmen at that point assumed Dobelle was taking a stand against any authority. But Dobelle said he was merely disagreeing with the Arlos stipulation that it have nine members.

Retort by Arlos

Arlos then charged that Dobelle "wants to be a one-man band" and said he would not vote for the acquisition.

"The questions that have been raised deserve legitimate answers, not some soft-shoe dance," said Arlos, who asserted that the proponents' moves on Camp Onota had been as mercurial as quicksilver.

He then moved to table the issue to give the mayor and proponents "time to think, to come down to earth."

The tabling motion passed 9-2, with only Councilmen Joseph W. Ryan Jr. and Henry V. Marchisio opposed.

In Tully's view, which appeared to be supported by comments from various councilmen, the Council was about to approve the acquisition before the exchange.

He speculated that Ryan and Charles L. Smith, who had been originally opposed to the acquisition, were ready to vote for the purchase because of conditions that had been set. And Tully felt that Arlos also would have voted for the purchase prior to a formal report on creating the authority.

During a public hearing held by the Council last night on the issue, 18 people spoke in favor of acquisition and three in opposition.

Show of hands

A show of hands from the audience demonstrated those attending were overwhelmingly in favor of the acquisition.

At least 50 hands went up in favor of the purchase, and some thought the number was much higher, and no more than 12 were raised against it.

Opponent Leo Grady of 76 Joseph Drive, said that on the basis of the many "distinguished" people speaking in favor "I feel I'm up against a stacked deck."

But one of the proponents, former construction worker Theodore Hatin, said the park had strong blue-collar support. Hatin said he and Kenneth Keehnle collected 2,500 pro-acquisition signatures, many of them in working men's bars.

The proponents pictured the purchase as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and the opponents viewed it as an added and unnecessary burden on the taxpayer.

Some proponents felt the picture had been clouded by the injection of sale of part of the Burgner Farm on Williams Street for housing to balance the cost of the Camp Onota purchase.

The Urban Coalition's Housing Task Force in a letter to the Council supported that position advanced by several councilmen as a condition for their support of the purchase.

'Violently opposed'

But Robert M. Smith of the Southeast Homeowners said his group was "violently opposed" to sale of the 226-acre Burgner tract.

If the Council were to zone it for quarter-acre lots, instead of the current half-acre zoning, Smith threatened court action.

Councilman Marchisio had called for the quarter-acre zoning but dropped that request.

Dobelle said he would support sale of part of the Burgner property if the sale were supported by recreational consultants now drawing up a recreational master plan for the city.

Dobelle was asking the Council last night to approve using money in the overlay account, a surplus fund, to provide the city's share. In this way there would be no impact on the tax rate for the purchase. At the same time he said the operating and maintenance cost to the average taxpayer would amount to roughly 75 cents on his or her annual real-estate tax bill.

Mayor, Tully seek early vote on new Camp Onota proposals

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle and Council President Philip J. Tully Jr. said today it's high time for a decision on the proposed Camp Onota purchase.

In separate statements, both men offered scenarios they said should clear the way for acquisition of that lake-front tract as a city park.

Their plans focus on Councilman Peter G. Arlos, whose pro-acquisition vote they want to retain because they need it as part of the required two-thirds majority for the purchase.

Arlos opposed

Reacting to the Tully outline — he could not be reached for comment on Dobelle's, which came later — Arlos said it wasn't acceptable.

Dobelle, meanwhile, said he was offering a deadlock-breaker that calls for a new Council vote on how the park would be governed.

If that second vote is taken, Dobelle said, "I will abide by the Council decision . . . and I assume Mr. Arlos would abide by it."

In the first vote on how it would be governed, the Council this week unanimously endorsed the Arlos concept. But Dobelle maintains the vote was taken in an atmosphere of confusion on its specifics. This has since been clarified, he said.

The disagreement between Dobelle and Arlos involves how it is run and who runs it.

Arlos is pressing for creation of a special authority to operate it on a self-sustaining basis.

Dobelle says if such an authority is set up, its majority should be made up of members of the park Commission. Arlos disagrees, saying the commission hasn't been energetic in developing existing parks.

Tully proposal

And Dobelle and Tully feel that it should be set up in such a manner that budgetary control over the park would remain in the hands of the mayor and Council.

Tully's hope was that Arlos would be willing to vote to fund the park and leave the details of its governing body until later. He felt this should be acceptable to the councilman. Tully reasoned that there would be plenty of time between voting the funds and a future vote to actually take the property for Arlos to work to mold the authority in whatever shape he thinks it should take.

If the governing body that is eventually adopted didn't suit Arlos, Tully said, he could vote against the actual land taking, when it comes up next summer.

In response to Tully's comments, Arlos said the mayor would have to file the legislation setting up the authority before he would vote the funds.

"How can we trust the mayor to fulfill the conditions of the purchase without any means to insure it?" Arlos asked. He views the legislation as that insurance.

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Mayor praises success of city garden project

Project Green Thumb, Mayor Evan Dobelle's inflation-era equivalent of victory gardens, was a "tremendous success," in the mayor's view.

Helping make it that, he said, was the volunteer efforts of people like former Mayor Robert B. Dillon, Carl Nelson, Frank Skogsberg, the Berkshire County Extension staff, the city engineers and park Supt. Vincent J. Hebert. Diane C. Jackman, the city's administrative services director, was the project's coordinator.

Dobelle said that about the only hitch that developed was the failure of some gardeners who had reserved space to show up.

To set deadline

Next year a planting deadline will be set so if a space isn't utilized it can go to another family or individual.

Of 183 plots plowed, harrowed and staked out at the Burgner farm and off Benedict Road, 43 were unused because those who had reserved them didn't plant.

Questionnaires are being mailed to the participants to help evaluate the project and sort out problems, Dobelle said.

On Saturday, Oct. 19, at 10 a.m., gardeners will meet at both sites for a clean-up session to prepare the land for next year.

Mrs. Jackman said that the program has interested other communities and that a Gardner official is meeting with her to get pointers on Pittsfield garden plan.

When the project started, some planters were afraid their plots would be hit by vandalism. A reporter who looked into the gardening project found only one case of vandalism to one plot. This was at the city-owned Burgner farm.

Things went so well in that respect that one of the project's planners said, "The only vandalism I heard of was by a woodchuck that ate a man's cabbage."

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Arlos still holds out on Camp Onota question

City Councilman Peter G. Arlos today repeated his vow not to vote for funds to buy Camp Onota until legislation has been drafted setting up an authority to run it on a self-sustaining basis.

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle, who has been pushing for conversion of the camp into a city park, said Arlos is "simply being an obstructionist."

Arlos's is one of eight Council votes Dobelle needs to acquire the park.

If Dobelle doesn't come up with legislation to create such an authority — and Dobelle says he won't unless there is a new Council vote calling for it—Arlos said he will draft his own.

"This is the only way I know of to be absolutely sure the local taxpayers will not have to pay for the development and maintenance of this property," Arlos said.

As a result of the continuing controversy, there appeared little chance that the Council will vote on putting up the city's $115,000 share of the camp-acquisition cost at its Oct. 8 meeting.

Dobelle, who was home with the flu today, said a new vote was needed because a number of councilmen had been confused over the size of the authority.

While Dobelle said he would abide by the Council decision in a new vote, Arlos said a new vote would be "ridiculous" because the Council had already unanimously endorsed his five-member-authority proposal.

Arlos said that he is not being an obstructionist on the issue but is "trying to present a balanced view so we can get this thing through."

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Model plane contest scheduled tomorrow

A model-airplane contest featuring models of planes from the 1930s and 1940s will take place tomorrow from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Brattlebrook Park, the Department of Parks and Recreation announced.

The event, known as the Massachusetts Old-Timer Championships, is sponsored and conducted by the Berkshire Radio Control Flying Club, a local group of radio-controlled model airplane enthusiasts.

Entries are expected from throughout New England, New York and New Jersey, the Department of Parks and Recreation said.

The public is invited, and there is no charge.

Arlos asks PHA to meet pledge to replace park

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The City Council is being asked by Councilman Peter G. Arlos to request that the Pittsfield Housing Authority (PHA) give Pittsfield two acres of land for a downtown park.

Arlos views this as a means of fulfilling the authority's pledge that it would replace the Zenas Crane Memorial Park — a one-acre, tree-studded plot that was located next to the former railroad station.

Housing Authority Chairman Nicholas J. Speranzo said the agency has to refresh its memory on any obligations it may have incurred in connection with Crane Park.

Supermarket site

The authority bought the park from the city for $105,000 in 1967 in connection with land clearance for the Jubilee urban-renewal project which it administers.

That land is part of the site on which the new Adams Super Market is nearing completion on West Street.

One Housing Authority spokesman indicated that the agency may feel it discharged its park obligations with construction of Liberty Mall over the railroad tracks on North Street and the plaza area in front of the Columbia Arms housing project for the elderly.

At one point the authority had been considering turning over Jubilee land along Francis Avenue to the Parks Department. But the authority spokesman said the department wasn't interested in that land. As it turned out, part of the property went for the Jubilee Apartments housing project and much of the rest is banked steeply to the retaining wall below Francis Avenue.

Sculpture location

Aside from sloping land along Columbus and Francis avenues, the PHA had planned to use the remaining renewal land for redevelopment.

Arlos said the new park might be a good site for the Homer Gunn bicentennial sculpture symbolizing the city's ties to the electric industry. Gunn had proposed the modernistic sculpture for Park Square, which Arlos said is an inappropriate site because of the tone, character and tradition of that park.

Public canoe jaunt is Sunday

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Starting time is 9:30 Sunday morning at Wahconah Park for the flotilla of local canoeists who are taking a trip down the Housatonic River with Susie R. Dwight, wife of Lt. Gov. Donald R. Dwight.

The trip here is jointly sponsored by the Housatonic River Watershed Association and the Pittsfield Bicentennial Commission, which is cleaning up the river and promoting it as a natural recreational facility. The trip down the Housatonic is the fifth river Mrs. Dwight has canoed this year as part of a statewide effort to publicize antipollution efforts, riverbed cleanup and shore beautification projects.

Participants invited

John A. Mattoon, executive director of the bicentennial commission and Mrs. Frank Paddock of Lenox, who are jointly organizing the river trip, said that experienced and inexperienced canoeists and their families are invited to join the caravan down the river. The canoe ride will end at the New Lenox Road bridge at 4 p.m. There will be a stop for lunch, and local guides and wildlife experts will point out sights of interest.

Persons who wish to participate should bring their lunch, a canoe, paddles and warm clothing, Mattoon and Mrs. Paddock said. Further information can be obtained from the bicentennial commission at Morewood School on South Mountain Road; Dr. and Mrs. Paddock, 630 East St. in Lenox or Douglas C. Newport of 71 Toronita Ave. in Pittsfield.

Newport, a river enthusiast and experienced canoeist, said that with the recent rains, "The river is at a perfect height and Sunday should be an ideal day." Newport said the river between Wahconah Park and New Lenox Road has been cleared of tree stumps and natural and manmade debris to make for as clear a waterway as possible Sunday.

There will be an open house at the Paddock home in Lenox after the trip.

Tagliente seeking better drainage for Wahconah Field

All but one football game at Wahconah Park has been played on a muddy field, and City Councilman George M. Tagliente is asking the Council to move to improve the drainage there.

The field over the years has been plagued by poor drainage. Conditions have been so bad that some sports enthusiasts have recommended that the city build a new field for baseball and football at another city park. Brattlebrook Park off East Street has been one location mentioned.

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U.S. designation for Square opposed by Planning Board

OCT 8 1974

The Planning Board went on record last night as opposing a plan to place Park Square on the National Register of Historic Places.

The three local board members who voted against the idea said nomination to the National Register may be an honor that might be both unfitting and a future block to changes there.

The Pittsfield Historical Commission is proposing that the square, believed to be the site of the first agricultural fair in the nation, and its surrounding buildings be nominated to the register.

The Planning Board disapproval does not halt the application, which goes next to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, but the board's comments will be forwarded to the state.

The city Historical Commission has said inclusion in the register would prevent external alterations to the square and its surroundings by projects using federal funds.

No other projects involving the area would be affected, according to the commission.

But Planning Board member Mary E. Ausman, who has questioned the idea at past meetings, said last night she was not sure about the city's ability to "undesignate" the area if faced with a beneficial future alteration project there.

She also said she believes city residents value the square more for its esthetic features than its historical significance.

She was joined in her opposition by John H. Rice and John F. Fraser, who said the register designation was unnecessary, because "I have confidence in the future doing right" in maintaining the character of the area.

Chairman Charles F. Sawyer cast the only vote in favor of the nomination. He pointed out the removal in past years of structures such as the Peace Party House at Wendell Avenue and East Street near Park Square, where a huge celebration of the end of the Revolutionary War was held.

"Now they're gone, and we feel sorry," Sawyer said.

Council committee likes Yankee Orchard land gift

A City Council committee endorsed one proposal Thursday night and rejected another for the acquisition of land for a new municipal park in the city's Yankee Orchard section.

The five-man finance committee recommended unanimously that the city accept the gift of a three-acre tract off outer East Street and develop part of it for use as a children's playground. The property is being offered to the city at no cost by Pittsfield contractor Del Virgilio.

Purchase rejected

At the same time, and by another unanimous vote, the Council committee recommended against the proposed purchase of an adjacent 20-acre property. That land, which has been under consideration for use as a municipal park and as a possible future school site, is owned by contractor Joseph Francese.

The councilmen had before them two petitions, both of which were initially submitted by Councilman Henry V. Marchisio. The first, which was accepted, was a request that the city accept the Virgilio gift of the smaller property and appropriate $18,000 for the construction of playground facilities.

The second, which the councilmen rejected, was a request that the city commission a new appraisal of the Francese property as a first step towards buying it. Two separate appraisals of the property over the last year have come up with cost estimates varying by nearly 50 per cent. Councilman Marchisio had asked the Council to do a third independent appraisal to arrive at a "fair and equitable" price.

Mayor opposes Gunn sculpture in Park Square

A $10,000 sculpture symbolizing the city's ties to the electric industry should not be placed in Park Square as suggested by the sculptor, Mayor Evan S. Dobelle said today.

The mayor also said that he would not ask the city taxpayers to finance the Homer Gunn work. Since "beauty is in the eye of the beholder," he said, the citizenry would never agree on its artistic merits.

"If private donors want to give it to the city," Dobelle said, "I would be glad to have it — but not in Park Square."

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Plan board backs Camp Onota project

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Four Planning Board members voted unanimously last night to endorse the purchase of Camp Onota on the eve of another possible City Council vote on the issue tonight.

The board also decided to forward to the council a newly prepared report by its staff that also favors buying the camp.

The report concludes that buying the camp, which would require $115,000 of city money toward the $450,000, total price, would "fulfill a wide range of both planning and recreational goals."

The 4-0 vote was the first time the Planning Board had put itself on record on the controversial Onota issue, which was defeated once by the City Council and tabled another time since it was proposed in August. All board members were present except Gary Lopenzina.

Half-hour's debate

But the endorsement came only after a half-hour of spirited wrangling stemming from some additional information in the staff report on overall city park shortages.

The analysis concludes Pittsfield is below accepted acreage standards in all park categories except "large city parks," where it has more than 50 per cent more than the minimum necessary acreage, based on the 1974 population.

Camp Onota, currently a boys camp, is a 55-acre parcel containing a number of recreational facilities and frontage on Onota Lake.

Board members Charles F. Sawyer and Mary E. Ausman said their approval was tinged with reservations about the shortcomings claimed by the staff report.

Sawyer pointed out that the report, for example, says that by accepted standards Pittsfield should have about 55 more "tots' play areas" than it does.

John H. Rice, who proposed the endorsement vote, retorted that "if we sit here and argue about the number of tots who can dance on the head of a pin," the chance to buy Onota will escape.

A Springfield group hoping to build apartments on the property also has expressed an interest in buying the camp.

Fraser comments

The other member present, John F. Fraser, said the escalating price of the camp "has reached the point where you can't go back," and he favors purchase now.

The detailed planning board staff analysis says Camp Onota is a favorable purchase for a number of reasons, among which are its access to West Street, its location only three miles from the city's center, and its existing recreational facilities.

The report continues that to "spend the next few years on just improving existing parks" without acquiring future parkland such as Onota would be "shortsighted." The planners propose an "aggressive acquisition program over the next 20 years," since land costs will rise and good parkland become rare as Pittsfield becomes increasingly urbanized.

Arlos drafts bill for 5-man board to oversee Onota

Councilman Peter G. Arlos said today he has drafted legislation to create a five-man authority to administer Camp Onota as a municipal park. He said he would submit the legislation to the Council at its next meeting.

The bill, which would have to be approved by both the Council and the Mayor and then enacted by the state legislature, would provide the "assurance," according to Arlos, "that the property will be maintained without cost to the taxpayers."

Mayor Dobelle said yesterday he would submit the same legislative proposal, along with three other "options," to the Council at its next meeting in two weeks.

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Booster clubs will discuss Wahconah Park

A joint meeting of the booster clubs of Taconic, Pittsfield and St. Joseph's high schools has been scheduled for Tuesday night at 7:30 at Taconic High to discuss the Wahconah Park problem. Local coaches, players and fans and visiting teams have been unhappy with the playing conditions at the park for several years and the disatisfaction was even greater this year when weekend rains turned all surfaces in the area into a couple of inches of mud.

The purpose of Tuesday's meeting is to discuss courses of action to either upgrade Wahconah Park or to construct a new field for football and to set up a committee to put any decisions into action.

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Park plan loses again; mayor to try once more

By Peter Scheer

Another attempt to buy Camp Onota as a municipal park was turned back last night by a quick City Council vote that seemed to leave the issue — as well as the Councilmen — more confused than ever.

It was the third time in two months that the Council has rejected an appropriation to purchase 48 acres of lakefront property at an initial cost to the city of $115,000. The Councilmen deliberated last night for less than two minutes before defeating the measure by the largest margin yet. The vote was 6-4, with Councilmen Peter G. Arlos and George M. Tagliente joining the opposition.

Item advanced

There was no immediate explanation for the absence of debate on the controversial issue. The matter was originally scheduled to come up at the end of the meeting, but Councilman Robert F. Jakubowicz asked that it be considered at the outset so that he could leave the meeting early and attend to a family illness.

When the question was moved and no one raised a hand to discuss the proposal, many observers, including Mayor Dobelle, assumed that Council President Philip J. Tully "had the votes" and that passage was assured.

"When the outcome was clear, I didn't know what had happened or why," the Mayor commented last night as he moved among supporters in the audience, shaking hands and shrugging his shoulders. "I think that everyone was expecting to have a full discussion of the issue, including the problems that arose last time, and then boom, it was over."

Among those problems were disagreements between Dobelle and Councilman Arlos over the size and powers of a proposed governing body for the Camp Onota park. At its last meeting two weeks ago the Council appeared to be on the verge of approving the appropriation when differences emerged on whether the governing body should be a commission or an authority, and whether it should consist of five members or nine.

Issue 'not dead'

Still, a number of Councilmen last night indicated after the meeting that the Camp Onota issue was "not dead" and that they were prepared to try again, once some of the differences are resolved. Tagliente, who voted against the proposal last night for the first time, said he would "reconsider" his vote. "I just want to know who's going to be running the park and how much it's going to cost," he said.

Arlos, who seems to hold the balance of power in the situation, said he would vote for the appropriation, provided all his demands are met — that the park be run by a nine-member authority created by special legislation in Boston.

Dobelle said today he was "frustrated and confused" by the latest Council action, but said he would try "one more time" to win approval at the next meeting two weeks from now. "After that we're just not going to pursue this any longer. We're had too much silliness, and we've wasted too much time already. There are other important issues facing the city."

Dobelle said that at the next meeting he would present the Council with "every conceivable option" for taking ownership of the park. "The list will include an authority with five members and an authority with nine members, a commission with five members a commission with nine members," he continued. "And any one of them will be acceptable to me. The Council just has to make up its mind."

Problem for BNRC

Another group that will have to make a fateful decision in the next few weeks is the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, which has taken a $75,000 option on the property and has also entered an agreement to buy it. The deadline on both agreements is Dec. 1, according to George S. Wislocki, the council's executive director.

"If the Council doesn't buy the property by then, we will either have to buy it ourselves or go into bankruptcy if we can't raise the money," he explained today. "If we buy it, we're not going to be able to run it as a private park. The property will be put on the market and probably sold to a developer."

The dismay felt by many park proponents at the Council meeting last night seemed to be best expressed by Theodore "Teddy" Hatin, a longtime political activist who has undertaken a signature drive to gain support for the Camp Onota acquisition.

"The people want this park," he declared, visibly agitated as he rose to address the Council. "The workingmen and women want it, the unions want it, children want it, and yet the Council continues to quibble over technicalities. We're fed up with all this baloney."

Council's position on Camp Onota

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

The impression has been created that there is confusion within the City Council about the purchase of Camp Onota and that the votes of the Council reflect this confusion.

Clearly, what the City Council wants is simply the assurance that the property will not be a continued burden upon the taxpayers in this time of economic crisis. What the Council wanted was the creation of an authority which will operate the property on a self-sustaining basis. The Council voted unanimously for [illegible] authority.

I have stated my position s[illegible] often through all the news media and on the Council floor that I had no need for further debate on Tuesday night. While I cannot speak for other councilmen, I am sure that many of them felt the same way. What is the use of debate if the mayor isn't listening? It is not the Council that has to make up its mind, but the mayor who ought to recognize the Council's desire for a self-sustaining park.

Since the mayor has declined to act in the matter of the necessary legislation, I am filing a petition with the City Council asking that it take the necessary action under the home-rule amendment to authorize the creation of a five-member unpaid authority to operate the Camp Onota property on a self-sustaining basis.

When this petition is passed and sent to Boston, it will constitute an assurance that the property will be maintained without cost to the taxpayers and that it will be maintained without interfering with the orderly development of existing parkland within the city. While I can only speak for myself, since I do not, as *The Eagle* claims [Oct. 9], "hold the balance of power in the situation," I shall then be happy to vote for the purchase.

I also intend to file a petition asking that the funds originally donated for the purchase of Camp Onota be, the donors' permission, used to set up a Camp Onota Trust Fund. The money from this trust can be used to subsidize fees for people and groups that cannot afford the minimal fees and can also be used for future development of the property.

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BNRC supports special board for Camp Onota

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By Grier Horner

City Councilman Peter G. Arlos's proposed special five-member authority to run Camp Onota as a city park was supported today by the Berkshire Natural Resources Council.

"The BNRC has never objected to that idea," BNRC Executive Director George S. Wislocki announced. "If the City Council adopts that approach, the BNRC would vigorously support it in the legislature."

The BNRC has taken an option on the 48-acre Camp Onota property to save it from sale to private developers and in hope the city will buy it instead.

Its position has been that this is a rare opportunity to obtain a fully developed recreational facility and conserve one of the city's most scenic places.

Opposition has been based largely on concerns about operational costs during a recession economy and accusations that the city has too much undeveloped park land.

Similar position

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle has taken a position similar to the BNRC's on the authority, saying in effect that what the Council wants on the issue is what it gets.

"I don't like the authority," Dobelle commented today. "But I'm being very conciliatory."

While Wislocki said his organization has no misgivings about creating a separate authority, he is concerned about whether the state legislature would approve creation of such an agency.

"However, if it's the wish of the City Council, we'll do everything we can to help get it passed," Wislocki said.

Dobelle plans to reintroduce the Camp Onota issue at next Tuesday's Council meeting. The Council on a 6-4 vote last week rejected the park proposal.

The city's share of the $450,000 acquisition cost is set at $115,000, with the state and federal government's paying the rest of the cost.

Councilman Arlos has called for a five member special authority to govern the park on a self-sustaining basis.

This would mean that the costs of operation would be borne by fees charged the users. Arlos stipulated that fees should be minimal. Dobelle had hoped to make entry to the park and use of most of its facilities free.

Arlos voted against the purchase last week because the authority was not included in the motion.

Backers worried

To win City Council approval of the acquisition, Dobelle needs at least an 8-3 vote in favor. This means the proposal would have to have four more votes than it won last week.

Backers of the project are worried. What hope they have appears to be based on the fact that the Council several weeks ago was on the verge of acquiring the park.

Dobelle said he doesn't want to speculate on the outcome of next Tuesday's vote.

"I think it's overwhelmingly the will of the people to acquire Camp Onota," Dobelle said.

Two ex-mayors listed among camp tour guides

This Sunday's public tours of Camp Onota will be led by two former mayors and other prominent local figures in business, labor and other fields.

Former mayors Remo Del Gallo and Donald G. Butler will be among the guides for the tours that will leave Berkshire Community College every half hour from 9:30 to 4:30 Sunday.

Other tour guides will be John B. Anthony, Franklin H. Controy, Kingsley R. Fall, Ralph J. Frioio, Joseph F. Guitian, Theodore Hatin, Vincent J. Hebert, Kenneth F. Keehnle, Albert F. Litano, Thomas C. Litwiler, Allan E. Nolan, Thomas E. O'Connell, Basil A. Petricca, Charles H. Revord, John H. Rice, Robert W. Rose, Donald D. Soule, Robert S. Scott, Lawrence W. Strattner Jr. and William A. Whittlesey III.

The tour has been set up by the Berkshire Natural Resources Council and Berkshire Community College students.

BNRC executive director George S. Wislocki said he is hoping for a big turnout, rain or shine, "because we want the people to see this property."

"I have found a lot of people talking about Camp Onota, but I don't think more than one out of every 500 has actually seen it."

Wislocki is encouraging people with children to bring them. Wislocki said coffee and refreshments will be served and said the cost of the tours is being absorbed by BNRC.

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Park commissioners oppose sculpture idea

The Park Commissioners went on record 4-0 Monday night against placing a lightning-bolt sculpture or any other sculpture "not in keeping with the esthetic values of our community" in Park Square.

A sculpture depicting lightning bolts as symbolic of Pittsfield's connection with the electrical industry had been proposed for Park Square at a city Bicentennial Commission meeting recently. The work was designed by sculptor Homer Gunn of Richmond.

In other action Tuesday, the commissioners:

—Announced that Stewart. E. Allen of Allen Associates of Glens Falls, N.Y., the firm preparing a long-range park and recreation plan for Pittsfield, will be in town next week to confer with Vincent J. Hebert, superintendent of parks and recreation. Hebert plans to ask whether to improve Wahconah Park or seek a new location for the stadium there.

—Announced plans to begin closing down the Children's Zoo this week for the season. The animals are to be sent to Forest Park Zoo in Springfield and Look Park in Northampton, among other locations.

—Received a report from Supt. Hebert on $300 in damage to a Park Department storage building at the site of the former Pomeroy pumping station. The damage is under investigation.

—Voted to provide playing fields if the Little League state championships are held here in 1975.

Attending Monday's meeting were Chairman Roger B. Slover, John C. Curletti, Mrs. Diane Climo and Dr. Robert J. Kirvin.

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Public to get chance to view Camp Onota

The Berkshire Natural Resources Council is planning to open Camp Onota to public inspection next weekend.

George S. Wislocki, the Council's executive director, said that he has been given permission by the camp's owners to conduct tours on Saturday and Sunday of the 48-acre lakefront property.

He asked that persons interested in volunteering their help for the tours contact the Berkshire Natural Resources Council at 8 Bank Row.

Vest-pocket park posed for City Hall

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle is asking the city Beautification Commission to create a "vest-pocket park" on the small lawn at the southwest corner of City Hall.

Asked about costs, the mayor said he hoped that garden clubs "might take an interest" in the project.

A ramp is about to be installed along one side of that lawn so that people in wheelchairs can use City Hall.

The Beautification Commission is headed by Sydney R. Kanter.

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Yankee Orchard playground is topic of hearing tonight

The City Council will hold an informal public hearing this evening on a proposal to create a Yankee Orchards playground on three acres offered the city as a gift.

Councilman Henry V. Marchisio is asking the city to accept the land offered by contractor Del Virgilio and to put up $18,000 to develop a park there.

Council President Philip J. Tully Jr. plans to adjourn the 6 p.m. Council meeting shortly after its start so the Council can inspect the land before the hearing. The property is located at the end of Wealthy Avenue off outer East Street.

If the Council wants it to, the tour will include a look at 20 nearby acres owned by contractor Joseph Francese, Tully said. That acreage has been under consideration since last year as the site of the neighborhood's long-sought park.

But the Council Finance Committee, which Tully heads, now opposes purchase of the Francese tract and backs acceptance of the Virgilio land.

Costs compared

Tully said Monday that it would not only be costly to acquire the Francese property but it would be taking off the tax roles, land that could be developed for housing. Appraisals done for the city have variously put the value of the 20 acres at $40,000 and $70,000.

In contrast, Tully said, the Virgilio land is free, wouldn't be practical for housing development but is practical for development of a park at far less cost. Virgilio gave the city one acre there last year and this summer offered two more.

Following the inspection, Tully said, the Council will return to City Hall to hear any comments the public may want to make about the situation.

Tully said two people living near the Virgilio land have written the Council opposing a park there, preferring the Francese site instead.

The Virgilio site was opposed by a neighborhood delegation at a Council meeting last year. At that time only one acre was under consideration.

3 possibilities considered for Yankee Orchard playground

By Grier Horner

The Yankee Orchard neighborhood appears divided over whether it should accept a small playground on three acres of free land or continue fighting for a larger park on a costly 20-acre tract nearby.

Complicating their choice are a number of factors that were brought out at a hearing by the City Council last night. Among them:

—The fear by some that if they go for the larger park on Imperial Avenue they may end up with nothing. That fear is based on the possibility that the Council might eventually reject the larger park because of its price. Separate evaluations have put the value at between $40,000 and $70,000. This land is owned by contractor Joseph Francese.

—The concern by others that the free land on Wealthy Avenue, because it is low, divided by a brook, and wet in places, would be costly to develop and, in the end, too small to provide the needed ballfield space. Contractor Del Virgilio has offered to give this land to the city.

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Following the debate over the relative merits of each parcel, a possible compromise surfaced. Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Miller Jr. of McIntosh Drive suggested that the city take a different parcel. This one is 20 acres of land lying behind McIntosh Drive owned by Frank Virgilio and Gino Magi. The Guitian Realty Agency has it listed for sale at $30,000.

Councilman Henry V. Marchisio, who represents that Ward 3 district off outer East Street, said today that the compromise tract was not his first choice.

Marchisio, who works for the Guitian agency, said he prefers the three free acres, or if the Council is willing to spend the money, the 20-acre Francese tract.

But Mrs. Miller today said the Virgilio-Magi property, which is part dry and part swampy, makes the most sense because of its size, price and location. It would also be safer than the Francese land, she said, because the Francese property os bordered by high tension lines.

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In its formal action last night the Council on a motion by Angelo C. Stracuzzi referred the park issue back to its Finance Committee for re-examination and development cost estimates. It will also approach Del Virgilio to determine if more than three acres could be made available.

Before the hearing the Council went to the Del Virgilio tract to inspect it. The land lies perhaps six feet lower than the house lots there. It is heavily wooded and part of it is wet.

Officials said it could be made usable by relocating the stream and filling. They did not know what this would cost and Marchisio acknowledged that an $18,000 figure he has used for development may not be the total cost.

During the hearing attended by about 26 people, six spoke against the three-acre plot and four spoke in favor.

Opposed were Mrs. Patricia Formel of 123 Wealthy Ave., Francis A. Curro of 141 Imperial Ave., Philip B. Messer of 130 Imperial Ave., Francis E. Reardon of 129 Wealthy Ave., Francis E. Wojcik of 130 Wealthy Ave., and Mrs. Frances C. Belford of 112 Imperial Ave.

Speaking for the three-acre park were Jack A. Vincent of 16 Wealthy Ave., Carl Rose of 1964 East St., Stuart H. Coolbroth of 22 Wealthy Ave., and Donald Torchia of 49 Baldwin Ave.

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Anthony Sumy of 43 Wealthy seeming to sum up some of the frustration of a neighborhood that has been seeking a park for 20 years, said, "All I want is a flat piece of land with grass on it that the kids can use to play ball." He said he didn't care where it was located.

Opponents of the three-acre plot located at the end of Wealthy said it is too small for athletic fields. It measures about 400 by 200 feet, and is adjoined by a 400 by 60-foot right-of-way, that some said would be used for a road by Del Virgilio to reach adjacent property.

Those favoring the Del Virgilio park, compared it to Greenridge Park in Dalton. They said the Wealthy Avenue parcel is larger and said that Greenridge Park contains a Little League field and ample space for other activities.

"I wasn't under the impression we were going to build Yankee Stadium," said one of the proponents, Stuart Coolbroth.

But in Francis Curro's view, "If we can't get something decent, we shouldn't accept anything."

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Planning Board vote on Square hit by city historical unit

The Pittsfield Historical Commission has criticized the Planning Board's opposition last week to naming Park Square to the National Register of Historic Places.

The members of the Historical Commission, which is spearheading the effort to nominate Park Square, said in a resolution they "deplore" the Planning Board's vote against the plan last Monday.

The commission members also voted at a meeting last Thursday to continue to support the application, which has been submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the state-level clearinghouse for such actions.

The Planning Board, asked to make a recommendation on the idea, held a series of meetings to have the commission answer questions about putting the square on the National Register.

Block to change feared

In voting 3-1 against the idea, board members said placement on the register might block future changes that would be beneficial to the area in the center of the city. They also said they believed the Square was valued by residents more for its esthetic than its historical features.

The resolution passed by the Historical Commission said the reasons of the three Planning Board members opposed to the plan are "not convincing."

The resolution also says that owners of buildings adjoining the Square did not oppose the idea at a public Planning Board meeting on the issue.

The statement also points out the City Council instructed the Historical Commission May 14, 1972, to take action to get the Square on the National Register.

Nomination to the register means that future alterations to the Square and the facades of its surrounding buildings that are financed even in part by federal funds must first be cleared through local, state and federal authorities.

Designation also makes the area eligible for federal preservation grants.

The Square has been the traditional center of the downtown area and, according to historians, was the site of the first agricultural fair in the United States.

Committee for new grid field to meet

The second meeting of the Committee To Improve Football Facilities has been scheduled for Tuesday night at 7:30 at the Taconic High cafeteria. The committee was formed and named by representatives of the three local high school booster clubs last Tuesday night.

The purpose of the committee is to work toward obtaining a new football field for the high schools or improving the poor drainage at Wahconah Park. The field was covered with mud and puddles for some of the early games this year following steady rains. Drainage has been a problem at the park for many years.

The committee will have a petition at the Taconic-St. Joseph's game tomorrow for signatures of the fans, who are sympathetic to the cause.

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Buses are scheduled for RSVP members to see Camp Onota

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will operate a shuttle service from its Park Square information booth to Camp Onota Sunday for its members attending the walking tours there.

The tours are being sponsored by the Berkshire Natural Resources Council and Berkshire Community College students to promote interest in the city acquiring the camp as a park.

The two RSVP station wagons will leave the information booth and return from the camp each half hour between 10 and 2. The shuttle service is free, and no reservations are required.

Former Mayor Robert Dillon, an RSVP member, will be in charge of transportation arrangements at the information booth. Member Kenneth Huddleston and Courtney W. Flanders, RSVP executive director, will do the driving.

Gardeners are asked to clear plots

Mayor Dobelle today asked "green thumb" gardeners to clear off their vegetable gardens tomorrow at 10 a.m. so that the plots can be rototilled for next year's planting.

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Yankee Orchard residents can be classed as lucky if in truth the neighborhood has three possible land tracts that could become parks or playgrounds. Since the costs and potentials of none are fully clear, there's a need for thorough appraisal of all the possibilities. A combined effort by the City Council's Finance Committee and the Park Department might result in a persuasive recommendation.

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Arlos urges Council approval for Camp Onota

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By Grier Horner

Councilman Peter G. Arlos last night said continued Council opposition to the Camp Onota purchase would be "irresponsible" in light of moves to eliminate Council objections.

Arlos, who has been one of the pivotal votes on the purchase, said the "conciliatory" position of Mayor Evan S. Dobelle and the Berkshire Natural Resources Council should end all qualms about buying the 48-acre camp for a city park.

His comments came in response to statements by the mayor and the Resources Council that they will support the Arlos plan for a special authority to run the park on a self-sustaining basis, if that's what the Council wants.

Tuesday meeting

The at-large councilman has said he would vote against the purchase if this special five-member authority were not set up.

The Camp Onota issue comes before the City Council again Tuesday night. Approval takes an 8-3 vote. It was defeated on a 6-4 vote last week, with Arlos voting against it because there were no provisions for the authority.

To give the public a chance to see the camp, the Resources Council is sponsoring tours of the lakefront property from 9:30 to 4:30 tomorrow.

Because of an agreement with the owner, the Resources Council said those who want to inspect the property must join one of the tours. The only way to do this, the private conservation group said, is to go to the south parking lot at Berkshire Community College.

Shuttle buses are scheduled to leave from the college parking lot for the camp every half hour. Coffee and cider will be served at the parking lot. Parents are invited to bring their children.

Arlos said his plan for a special five-member authority to make the camp self-sustaining eliminates both major objections expressed by some councilmen to the purchase.

One objection has been the cost of operation and maintenance. Arlos said this would be removed by the self-sustaining aspect of his proposal.

The other major objection has been the fact that much of the city's existing 750 acres of park land is undeveloped. By creating a special authority to run Camp Onota, Arlos said, the Park Commission's attention will not be diverted from the task of developing existing parkland.

To create this authority will take special state legislation next year.

The Natural Resources Council by Dec. 1 has to decide whether to go through with the purchase of the land on which it has already put down a $25,000 option.

It would then hold the land for the city until the anticipated 75 per cent state and federal aid came through, probably next summer. That aid would reduce the city's share of the $450,000 purchase price to $115,000. The $115,000 would come from a special surplus account and therefore would have no impact on the tax rate.

If the state and federal aid fell through, the city would not have to follow through with the purchase.

Arlos said last night that he thought it was "highly improbable" that the legislature would not approve the five-member authority.

An Arlos guarantee

Asked by a reporter what would happen if the legislature rejected the authority, Arlos said the Natural Resources Council "has my guarantee they have nothing to worry about."

His response was addressed to a Resources Council concern that it could be left holding the bag financially if the legislature defeated the authority next year and Arlos then turned against the purchase before the final vote on taking the property. That final vote is expected next summer.

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Action committee formed to obtain football field

The formation of an action committee to obtain a new football field for the local high school teams next year was the main item of business last night at the meeting of booster club representatives of the three schools and coaches at Taconic High. The meeting was organized by the Taconic boosters.

The committee will obtain figures as to the cost of a new field and propose possible sites. Dave Lucaroni and Joe Gleason, head coaches of Taconic and Pittsfield respectively, will serve on the committee in advisory capacities. Six persons were named to the committee last night and more will be added. About 30 attended the meeting.

The project will get full cooperation from Mayor Evan Dobelle. In remarks made yesterday at his office the mayor agreed with booster clubs representing the three local high schools that something has to be done about Wahconah Park.

Dobelle repeated his belief that it might be more practical to move the field to another location rather than try to correct its drainage problems.

"I don't want to pour good money after bad," the mayor said.

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Onota decision uncertain as final vote approaches

By Grier Horner

The City Council is moving toward a final vote on the proposed Camp Onota purchase, and Council President Philip J. Tully Jr. says "it's going to be close."

Approval of the acquisition of the 48-acre Onota Lake tract would take an 8-3 vote of the Council at tomorrow night's 7:30 meeting.

Tully, a leader in the fight for acquisition, says seven councilmen are prepared to vote for the purchase.

"We need one more vote," Tully said, as he analyzes it, it's uncertain whether the additional vote can be obtained.

Five members of the Council have teamed up to express serious reservations about the purchase. They are Angelo C. Stracuzzi, Joseph W. Ryan Jr., Charles L. Smith, Raymond E. Crow and J. Francis Senger.

Ryan today said that compromises that have been made by the park advocates have satisfied him now that it can be purchased and run with no impact on the tax rate.

Compromise misleading

Therefore, Ryan said, he will vote for the purchase and predicted the 8-3 majority is there.

But Stracuzzi, on the other hand, predicted that a majority would vote against the purchase.

Stracuzzi said that the compromise proposal engineered by Councilman Peter G. Arlos, which is supposed to make the park self-sustaining, is misleading.

The only way it could be self-sustaining, he said, would be if it had a larger endowment fund to supplement the fees charged. Fees alone, according to Stracuzzi, could never cover the costs of operation and maintenance.

Arlos is trying to set up an endowment fund by converting almost $50,000 in pledges made privately for the purchase to that use.

As Council observers view the situation, the pivotal votes on whether or not the park will be purchased will be cast by Councilmen Senger and Smith.

Crow and Stracuzzi are firmly in the opposition column.

"We're in an inflationary period," Crow said today. "We've been asked by the President to tighten our belts."

'Nonessential'

Councilman Arlos by winning approval of a special authority to run the park on a self-sustaining basis, said late last week he didn't see where there were further grounds for opposition.

But Stracuzzi, countering that it wouldn't be self-sustaining, called the park "nonessential and a good place to start curtailing spending."

Ryan said that he was now going to vote for the park because he felt the questions of economics had been resolved.

Among the factors that resolved his doubts, he said, were the self-sustaining proposal, the mayor's willingness to sell off some existing parkland, probably at the Burger property, and the fact that the existing tennis courts and softball fields at Camp Onota will save the city the expense of developing them in other locations.

1,000 on tour

In addition, Ryan said, an arrangement is being made so that the park would be purchased in such a way that it could be sold if it didn't work out.

Yesterday, the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, conducted tours of the property trying to win additional public support of the purchase.

Executive Director George S. Wislocki estimated that 1,000 people inspected the property despite the cold, cloudy weather.

Visitors were served coffee and apples. Wislocki quipped, "If this thing doesn't go through, you'll see me selling apples on North Street."

Bartley says special law for camp would pass

David M. Bartley, speaker of the State House of Representatives, predicted yesterday that legislation to set up a special authority to run Camp Onota on a self-sustaining basis would pass in the legislature.

The legislation is being proposed by Councilman Peter G. Arlos in connection with acquisition of the camp as a municipal park.

Bartley, in a telephone interview, said that, assuming the legislation has the strong backing of the city's officials, "there shouldn't be any trouble getting it through."

Bartley, with whom Arlos has conferred about his proposed authority, called it "a unique idea and an interesting one."

As the Holyoke Democrat sees it, the authority proposal would help "preserve what the Berkshires are noted for — their natural resources."

If the authority took its responsibilities seriously, "it should be one of the most outstanding recreational facilities in Western Massachusetts," Bartley said.

Chances for Camp Onota purchase look dim as final vote approaches

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By Grier Horner

Purchase of Camp Onota appears headed for defeat in the City Council tonight.

Council President Philip J. Tully Jr , a leader in the drive for the acquisition, acknowledged in an interview this morning that the "outlook seems to be dim."

"But where there's life, there's hope," Tully said.

Councilmen comment

Interviews with several councilmen today indicated that the purchase is unlikely to go through.

Concern about the economy, costs of operating the camp and a feeling that this is not a top priority item are still being cited by opponents.

Meanwhile, George S. Wislocki, executive director of the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, predicted that his private conservation group would go out of business if the vote is no.

The Resources Council has put down a $25,000 option on the 48-acre property and entered an agreement to come through with another $50,000 by the end of November.

If the Council doesn't go along with the acquisition for a park, Wislocki said the Resources Council's source of a mortgage loan will dry up.

"We will lose the $25,000 and default on the $50,000," Wislocki predicted. He said that without the loan the BNRC had counted on from the Nature Conservancy — a loan contingent on the property becoming parkland — the Resources Council can't buy the property.

But even if the Resources Council could go through with the purchase, Wislocki said, it would not want to become a developer.

Wislocki believes the property if it isn't used for a park may go for housing or something like a "singles' camp."

Meanwhile, Mayor Evan S. Dobelle filed in writing responses he had made verbally to six questions posed by opponents of the purchase

The City Council will meet at 7:30 in City Hall tonight to consider the Camp Onota purchase — which it voted against two weeks ago — and other items

Tully has said he expects this to be the final vote on the Camp Onota issue.

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Mark Mitchell

VISITORS scan Camp Onota's beach area from rise overlooking Onota Lake. They were among 1,000 persons who braved bone-chilling winds to attend "open house" staged by advocates of the camp's purchase by city.

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Yankee Orchard park plans to be eyed by finance board

The City Council's Finance Committee will meet Thursday to consider proposals for creating a park in the Yankee Orchards neighborhood off outer East Street.

Council President Philip J. Tully Jr. said the committee will try to determine if there is any possibility of enlarging the three-acre tract at the end of Wealthy Avenue. It has been offered the city free as a park site.

The offer came from contractor Del Virgilio, who gave one acre of the land to the city last year and is now offering two more.

The Council inspected the property last week and found it was partially wetland. In addition, during a hearing, the Council learned that some neighbors considered it too small and difficult to develop.

As a result of a motion by Councilman Angelo C. Stracuzzi, the Council decided to determine if the tract could be expanded either by gift or acquisition.

20-acre tract

Tully said at Thursday's meeting the Finance Committee will also consider the desirability of a 20-acre tract lying behind the housing development there as a park. It is for sale for $30,000.

It was proposed after last week's hearing as a park site by Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Miller Jr. of 96 McIntosh Drive.

Another 20-acre tract off Imperial Avenue has also been under consideration as a park there. But Councilmen have been hesitant about taking it because of appraisals putting its price at from $40,000 to $70,000.

Senger backs Stearns site expansion

A proposal to buy additional land at Stearns Elementary School in order to expand outdoor public-recreation facilities in the Lebanon Avenue area received initial endorsement yesterday from Ward 5 Councilman J. Francis Senger.

Senger several weeks ago requested a public hearing on a proposal to buy an additional four acres to enlarge the undersized Lebanon Avenue playground, but said yesterday that moving all facilities to Stearns "sounds like a tremendous idea."

His comment was asked in connection with an appeal to the City Council being planned by Anne E. Wojtkowski, chairman of the School Buildings Needs Commission, who said the commission's 1972 master plan urges combining school and park programs at the Stearns site.

12-15 acres

It would involve acquiring another 12 to 15 acres of land behind Stearns, she said yesterday, adding that she has written a letter to city councilmen and Mayor Evan S. Dobelle asking delay on Senger's request until her commission can present its proposal to the Council.

She said the proposal would be part of a planned request in November for funds to build a 13-room addition at Stearns.

"Stearns has the most beautiful setting in the city," she said, "and we could provide not only playground area but space for nature walks and environmental study."

More space

The present Stearns site contains 12.3 acres.

Mrs. Wojtkowski said the commission's master plan, "A Study in Contrasts," endorses carrying on the Department of Park and Recreation programs at Stearns because of greater space than at the present playground and because of opportunity to use some of the school facilities as well.

Unstated, she said, is an implicit suggestion that the city sell the Lebanon Avenue playground if the shift to Stearns is voted.

Senger's request for a public hearing was tabled when it came before the Council, and Senger said he had no plan to remove it from the table at Tuesday night's Council meeting. He said he wants to review the needs commission's proposal in more detail first.

"It certainly sounds sensible," he said. "But the main thing is what the neighborhood wants."

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Smith's request for postponement gives Camp Onota plan a reprieve

By Peter Scheer

The Camp Onota acquisition was rescued from almost certain defeat last night in a compromise move that seemed to brighten chances for approval at the City Council's next meeting in two weeks.

The Council voted 10-1 to delay final action on the issue until then so that a study can be made into the possible sale of "excess" city property to help pay for the purchase and maintenance of the lakefront municipal park. All but one of the Councilmen opposed to buying Camp Onota indicated that they would consider reversing their positions if such a land sale could be worked out.

The conciliatory move was made by Councilman Charles L. Smith, who has objected to the Camp Onota purchase from the beginning and whose vote last night was considered crucial to both sides. In an impassioned statement before a hushed, capacity crowd in City Hall, Smith pleaded successfully to postpone a decisive vote "so that we can know whether we are acting out of selfish motives, or whether we are making up our minds objectively, and in the best interests of the city of Pittsfield."

Personality feuds

"This whole issue has been dragged out so long that personality feuds have begun to enter into it," Smith continued. "I think that we should vote on the matter only when we know all the facts and when tempers have been given a chance to cool."

The study into the possible sale of other city-owned property will be conducted by the Planning Board, which was also charged with compiling more precise information on maintenance costs and fee schedules for operating Camp Onota as a city park. Among properties that should be considered for sale and development, Smith suggested, are the Burgner tract on outer Williams Street and the "Piggery," unused land owned by the city and located off upper North Street, east of Pontoosuc Lake.

Smith did not specify how much land he thought the city should place on the market or whether he thought proceeds from the sales would be enough to offset all or only part of the projected operating costs of Camp Onota.

"The whole question is very much up in the air right now," he said in an interview after the meeting. "But I suppose as a minimum condition we should sell enough land to recover the taxes that will be lost by buying Camp Onota."

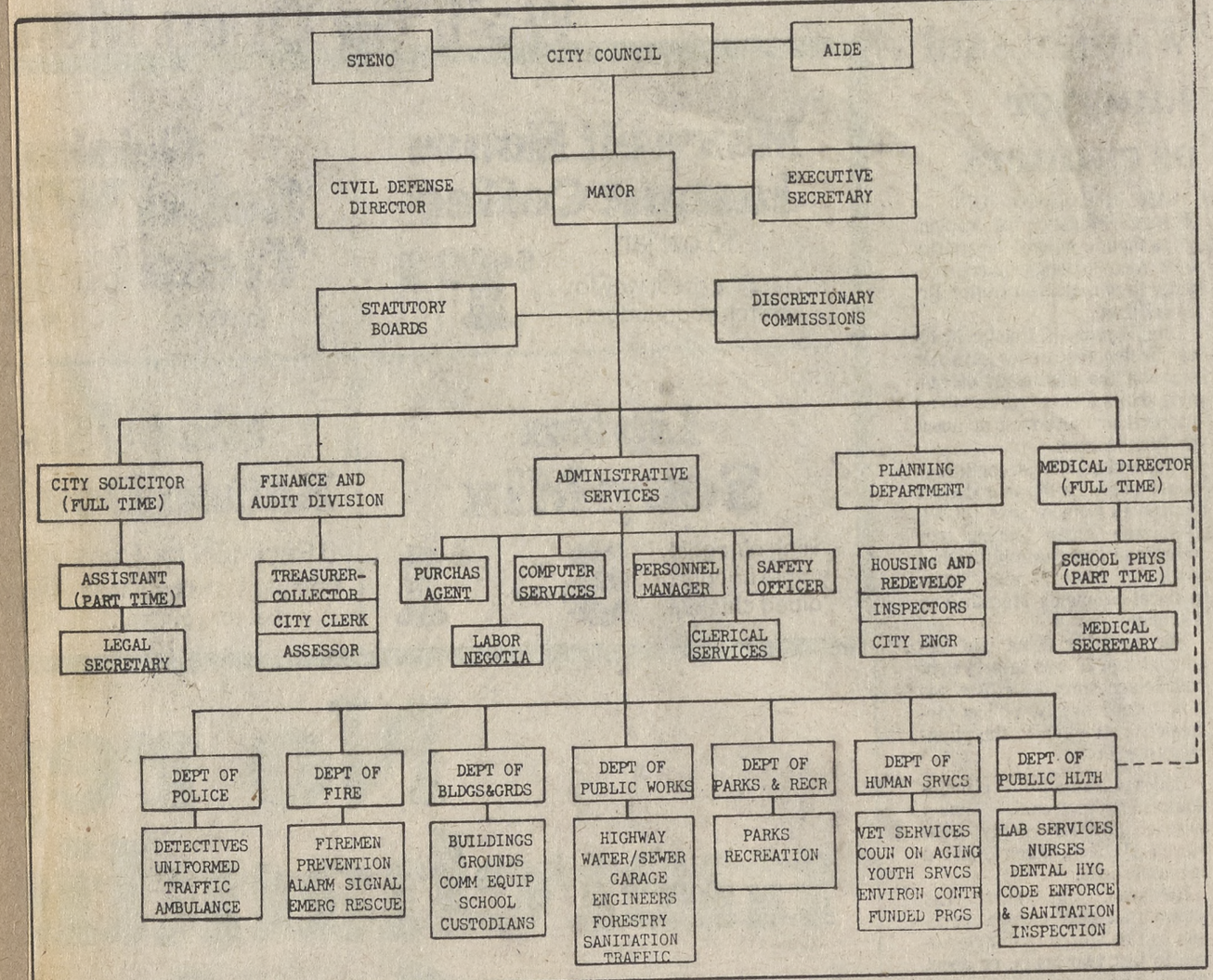
Mayor Dobelle said after the Council vote to table the Camp Onota appropriation that he was "very encouraged" by the development. "There was no question that Camp Onota would have been defeated without this delay," he said. "Now I'd say the chances for approval are very good. I think if we could arrange the sale of some other property the last objections to the acquisition would be removed."

Council President Philip J. Tully, another supporter of the land-acquisition, said he too was optimistic that the Planning Board report would tip the scales in favor of purchasing the property. Of the four Councilmen who have voted consistently against the acquisition on all previous occasions, only Angelo C. Stracuzzi ruled out the possibility of switching his vote at the next Council meeting. Stracuzzi also cast the only dissenting vote against postponing final action on the acquisition.

Meanwhile George S. Wislocki, executive director of the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, said today he interpreted the Council action as a favorable sign and that as a result he was "pushing ahead" with efforts to secure a $425,000 loan to exercise the organization's option on the 48-acre property.

"We're proceeding on the assumption that the Council will approve the acquisition at its next meeting," he said.

If the Council votes down the Camp Onota acquisition at its next meeting, or if a favorable Council vote leaves too little time to arrange for the $425,000 loan, the natural resources council may have to default on the $50,000 balance of its option and file for bankruptcy, Wislocki said. The closing date on the organization's option is Nov. 29.



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE recommended by the Herklots Commission shown in a chart in its report. It envisions a cabinet of five staff members shown in the middle of the chart and seven department heads at bottom. Under current setup, the commission says, administration is difficult.

Seniors give $200 to Onota fund

An estimated 250 elderly people at the Senior Center Friday voted to endorse the proposed acquisition of Camp Onota as a municipal park.

Isabel Parker, director of the center, said the near-unanimous vote followed an afternoon appearance by Mayor Dobelle. She also said members of the Center had pledged $200 to the Camp Onota fund drive.

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Herklots study would alter pay schedules

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Police, fire chiefs would get less, mayor and Council more

The Herklots Commission proposes a number of salary increases and cuts at the administrative level.

In its report issued last week it says that most administrative positions here are "near to or above" the average salary in other Massachusetts cities in the 40,000 to 100,000 population range.

The commission suggests pay reductions for the police and fire chiefs, reductions it thinks would more accurately reflect the intent of state law in setting their pay level.

It also calls for redistribution of extra jobs held by the city clerk and city engineer, in effect cutting their pay.

Pay boosts for some

At the same time it calls for pay boosts for the mayor, City Council, director of administrative services, personnel director, computer services supervisor, planning director, tax collector, public works commissioner, public buildings superintendent, sewer-treatment superintendent, bacteriologist, Council on Aging executive and assessor.

The report says the police and fire chiefs' pay level, currently $21,800, should be cut back to $19,700. In its view the higher figure was arrived at by an overly liberal interpretation of a state law pegging their pay at twice that of a patrolman.

The combined position of city engineer-traffic engineer now pays $19,252. But the report suggests that the traffic engineer designation be stricken and the salary cut back to $13,880. The job is held by Samuel Slack.

The commission would reduce the city clerk's pay by giving his extra job of treasurer to the tax collector. As a result, Clerk Francis J. Condron's salary would drop from $18,245 to $15,849, and the tax collector's would go up an equivalent amount to $15,849.

Other salaries

Condron's $18,245 is not his total city pay. He gets another $1,000 as city clerk and $1,500 from the retirement board, giving him a total city pay of $20,745. The commission recommends that the city end the practice of adding payments for extra duties.

This would affect not only Condron. In addition:

—Auditor Anthony W. Sottile gets $2,000 extra for retirement board responsibilities on top of the $17,573 he gets as auditor, bringing his salary to $19,573.

—Public Works Commissioner Gerlad S. Doyle gets $1,000 extra as moth-control officer, to bring his city pay up to $19,245. But at the same time the report calls for a raise for the commissioner, due to "added responsibilities" under its reorganization. This raise would keep his salary at the $19,245 level.

—Administrative Services Director Diane C. Jackman gets $1,000 extra for functions involving workmen's compensation and civil service, bringing her city pay to $14,543. Under the Herklot recommendation the salary for the job would rise to $15,894, even with elimination of the $1,000 extra pay, "due to increased responsibilities."

—The three assessors split $1,000 that is supposed to compensate the chairman.

The commission says that the city should "abandon the practice of heaping a thousand or more dollars on existing base rates when a job is expanded. Either the extra duty should be absorbed or the total job should be re-evaluated."

$4,000 raise for mayor

Pay increases would put the mayor's salary at $24,000, an increase of $4,000; the councilmen's at $2,500 each, an increase of $1,000; the planning director's at $20,000, an increase of $2,000; and the public buildings superintendent's at $16,900, an increase of $2,350.

Other increases would see the sewer treatment superintendent's salary go to $13,543, a raise of $1,007; the bacteriologist's to $11,864, an increase of $1,007, and the Council on Aging executive's to $10,500, an increase of $1,500.

Under the reorganization, one office gets two major new positions. That is Mrs. Jackman's Administrative Services Department. A safety officer and a purchasing agent, with two new clerks, would be added to her staff.

In addition, two jobs within that department would be upgraded in responsibility and pay. The assistant director would be renamed personnel director and the salary raised $4,000 to $13,880. The IBM supervisor would be renamed the computer-services director and would get a $2,687 pay raise to $13,880. The present holders of the job, the report says, could be eligible for the new ones.

Mrs. Jackman was an adviser to the Herklots Commission.

Under the reorganization, the office that undergoes the sharpest pruning of administrative personnel is probably the Assessors. Two of the three full-time assessors would be eliminated. The single assessor would be paid $13,543, an increase of $1,007.

Herklots said there just doesn't appear to be enough work for three. The report suggests that once computer operations are geared up to include assessing, the workload in that department will be easier. The commission, however, would create a citizens' assessment board to oversee disputes between taxpayers and the assessor.

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3rd option for Yankee park pushed

The City Council's Finance Committee is looking favorably at a late entry in the Yankee Orchards neighborhood park controversy.

Council President Philip J. Tully Jr. said the committee's general consensus is that the city should create a park on a 20-acre tract lying between McIntosh Drive and Dalton Division Road instead of either of two pieces of property considered earlier.

Each of the previous locations had spurred debate. One, the 20-acre Francese parcel on Imperial Avenue, was attacked as being too expensive. Appraisals set its value, variously, at $40,000 and $70,000. The other, a three-acre parcel at the end of Wealthy Avenue, was said by some critics to be too small and too expensive to develop.

Offset costs

The third location was proposed last month by Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Miller Jr. of McIntosh Drive. It contains some pasture land and is owned by Frank Virgilio and Gino Magi and is for sale for $30,000.

Tully said that access to the parcel would be gained through the three acres contractor Del Virgilio had offered the city as a gift. Tully said that Virgilio was standing by his offer even though the latest plan would utilize that land as access rather than as a park.

Parks Supt. Vincent J. Hebert estimated that it would cost $14,000 to $16,000 to develop the land for a park.

Tully said that it is possible the acquisition cost could be partially offset by selling off three building lots on Dalton Division Road that come with the land.

He said the committee members will inspect the property individually and then meet again Nov. 6 to make a recommendation to the full Council.

Crow agrees with Tully on Herklots study

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City Councilman Raymond E. Crow says he "couldn't agree more" with Council President Philip J. Tully Jr.'s critical evaluation of the Herklots Commission report.

"Of all the things I've ever seen submitted by a city commission, this is the biggest joke," Crow said.

Tully had attacked the report as one which would add an unnecessary administrative "superstructure" to city government.

Crow said he was incensed about the commission's recommendation that the Council president be chosen from the four at-large councilmen, eliminating the seven at-large councilmen from contention for that office. Crow represents Ward 2.

The councilman said he also dislikes the report's cabinet proposal and is concerned about the possibility that "the whole thing would cost us a fortune."

"I don't see where these so-called intelligent men came up with these ideas," Crow told a reporter.

DNR said lukewarm to ice-rink-site proposals

Pittsfield High School has been added to Berkshire Community College as a recommended site for a state-funded ice-hockey rink. But a state official Tuesday threw cold water on both suggestions.

"We're reluctant right now to expand our rink facilities," said Gilbert A. Bliss, director of the Department of Natural Resources' bureau of recreation. The DNR is the agency which has built and maintains at public expense some 16 ice rinks and 20 swimming pools for community recreation around the state.

Two more DNR rinks are scheduled to open later this year in the Worcester County area, said Bliss, and the legislature in its last session appropriated funds for two additional rinks in Western Massachusetts, one in South Berkshire County and the other in the Amherst-Hadley area.

Bliss said the DNR is surveying demands for public skating, swimming and tennis facilities around the state in order to develop a policy for the future. There is some evidence that ice rinks have reached saturation numbers, he said.

Private rinks fail

"It may not be as true for Western Massachusetts as down here," said Bliss in a telephone interview from his Boston office. "But private rinks have mushroomed along with the public ones, and quite a few of the latter have failed."

"In fact, there was a foreclosure sale on a rink near Concord just advertised in the boston Globe," he said.

A hockey rink at PHS was suggested at a meeting Monday night of the School Buildings Needs Commission, (SBNC) which is racing to reach agreement on plans for renovating the school and enlarging the site.

Robert J. Kirvin, a member of the city Parks Commission, and J. Dalton Couig Jr., a member of the SBNC, urged consideration of a rink as part of the expanded physical-education plant planned at PHS.

In response to a request by Kirvin, SBNC Chairman Anne E. Wojtkowski said she would have the commission architectural consultant, Douglas H. Flockhardt, determine the availability of state rink funds and the impact on school building aid of a rink at the site.

But she and Flockhardt cautioned that an ice rink can occupy from 20,000 to 30,000 square feet, and that further encroachment on the already undersized PHS site would entail a new round of reviews by the state School Building Assistance Bureau and possibly further landtaking.

No funds now

The suggestion of a rink at BCC came in conjunction with Mayor Evan S. Dobelle's proposal last week that a state funded athletic stadium for college and community events be erected at BCC.

According to Bliss, the DNR has no funds at present for further ice-rink construction. He said the only likely avenue to such funds would be through a special act of the legislature.

And whether more rinks can be justified at this point, Bliss said he was not ready to speculate. He did say that the DNR now estimates the construction cost of one of the state rinks, like the one in North Adams or the one scheduled for South Berkshire, at $1.4 million. When the North Adams rink was erected in 1970, it cost $800,000.

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Finance Committee backs Yankee tract for playground

The Finance Committee, endorsing purchase of a 20-acre tract in Yankee Orchards for a neighborhood playground, is seeking $2,000 to have the land appraised.

The tract is owned by Frank Virgilio and Gino Magi and is for sale for $30,000. It lies between McIntosh Drive and Dalton Division Road.

Public Works Commissioner Gerald S. Doyle told the committee Wednesday that about two-thirds of the land is usable and Parks Supt. Vincent J. Hebert said it would cost roughly $11,000 to develop as a park, committee chairman Philip J. Tully Jr. reported.

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Mayor suggests stadium at BCC

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle wants to explore the feasibility of erecting a community athletic stadium at Berkshire Community College and financing it with state funds.

The suggestion won the endorsement last night of BCC's director of physical education, Richard L. Maghery, who said there are 101 acres on the south side of West Street from which to choose a site.

The idea of a stadium is not new to Maghery, who has urged the BCC administration on previous occasions to consider ways of providing an athletic facility there for both college and community use.

At advisers' meeting

Dobelle's suggestion came at the BCC Advisory Board's meeting yesterday afternoon at the college. He suggested that Maghery discuss the idea with various city officials who are, among other things, looking for an alternative to Wahconah Park as a city stadium site.

The mayor listed Park Supt. Vincent J. Hebert, members of the Planning Board, the ad hoc committee of concerned citizens probing renovation or replacement of the Wahconah Park facility, and officials of the Allen Organization of Bennington, Vt., park planners, as those who ought to study the proposal.

A stadium, said Maghery, is "the kind of thing we'd like to investigate as a combined community-state project."

Study said necessary

He emphasized that he has not explored the attitudes of neighborhood residents, and cautioned Dobelle that considerable study would be required.

He did say that his own view of an athletic facility has been one encompassing a state-funded indoor ice rink together with a stadium to complement BCC's existing athletic plant.

"I think the college ought to become as much of a community resource as possible," he said. He added that he did not view the plan as one that would replace Wahconah Park.

Wahconah's 2,000-seat wooden grandstand and baseball field serve as the city's municipal stadium. But the park, bordering the west branch of the Housatonic River, is often soggy or flooded and has never been considered entirely satisfactory by local sports fans. The park is also used for football games and has been the site of prize fights.

The present stadium was erected in 1950, replacing a creaky wooden grandstand that was demolished — largely by vandals — in the 1930s.

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Joel Librizzi

FALLEN FOLIAGE on Pittsfield's Common off First Street is cleaned up by crews from the Park Department. Weekend promises to be a good one for raking leaves and cleaning yards before winter sets in. Temperatures in the 50s are forecast. The city landfill area will be open until 3:30 p.m. tomorrow.

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Consultant to present Wahconah Park proposal

Stewart E. Allen of the Allen Organization, park and recreation planners of Glens Falls, N.Y., has told the city's Board of Parks Commissioners that he will announce in several weeks his initial findings on whether Wahconah Park should be improved or re-established elsewhere.

Allen, speaking at the Board's regular meeting at Springside House, also said he will announce at that time his initial findings on whether the city's long-range plan for park development should call for parks in the Yankee Orchard area, in the Quirico development area on East New Lenox Road and on the Burgner property on outer Williams Street.

So far, Allen has made no recommendations for these areas, said Supt. Vincent J. Hebert of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Master plan

The Allen Organization, hired to revise the city's long-range master plan for parks, in August recommended that Camp Onota be purchased by the city, Hebert said.

Also at Monday's meeting, the Board:

—Directed Hebert to prepare an estimate of the cost of improving drainage at Wahconah Park, to work with officials of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church on curbing vandalism at the church and to prepare a cost estimate for erecting a fence between Osceola Park and the property of Charles W. Hover of 25 Essex St. Hover had written the Board and said children are passing across his property to reach the park.

Fence repairs

—Directed Hebert to repair the fence separating Henry's parking lot at 185-215 Fenn St. from the Common. Cyrus A. Henry Jr., proprietor of the lot, had written the Board complaining of vandalism to parked cars by people crossing his lot to reach the Common through a hole in the fence.

Board members present were Roger B. Sloper, chairman, John C. Curletti, George J. Pellerin Sr. and Dr. Robert J. Kirvin.

1st-year 'maximum' figure

NOV 12 1974

Cost of conversion, use of Camp Onota $104,460

The completed Planning Board study of Camp Onota estimates it would cost a maximum of $104,460 to fully convert the property to a city park and operate it during the first year.

That estimate breaks down to $63,250 for initial capital improvements and $41,210 for first-year operational costs.

But $29,400 of that first-year cost would be reimbursable by the state, and there are a number of other options for cutting costs in the first year, according to the study which was released yesterday.

For example, the planners said, the city could open the park on a limited basis for as little as $48,350, with $6,275 of that cost offset by state aid. This option breaks down to $18,000 for capital improvements and $30,350 for operating and maintenance costs.

Vote set tonight

The Onota question, the most controversial subject in city government this fall, is scheduled to be put to a vote again tonight by the City Council.

The question before the Council is whether or not to appropriate $115,000, the city's share of the $450,000 purchase price for the youth camp on the south end of Onota Lake.

But the cost of setting up the camp as a park, and of running it each summer, is expected to play a large part in determining the Council vote. The Council requested this study last month, after tabling Onota again.

The Planning Board's figures, compiled by a subcommittee headed by member Gary Lopenzina, are presumably the last in a series of dollar amounts put forward during the long debate.

Lopenzina's totals are higher than those estimated in September by Mayor Evan S. Dobelle and the Allen Organization, recreational consultants doing a survey of city parkland. But the Planning Board report comes in lower than a number of other estimates.

City Council President Philip J. Tully Jr., a staunch supporter of the camp purchase, said the vote on acquisition will be close. Passage requires a two-thirds majority — eight of the 11 members.

Tully praised the board's report. By giving the Council the "highest figure" and a number of options for slashing that figure, the report provides a tool to facilitate the decision-making, Tully said.

Time seen running out

If the Council doesn't act tonight, Tully said, he has been informed the purchase will be killed because of time factors involved in the purchase.

If the city chooses to open Onota immediately to picnickers, hikers, organized sports enthusiasts and swimmers, it would cost $63,250 for initial capital improvements and $41,210 for the first year's operating costs, the report says.

But, if all of Onota's facilities were to be phased into operation gradually, it would cost less initially.

Setting up "passive recreational uses" such as picnicking and improving base ball dia-

recreational leadership program to cut maintenance and operation costs.

The $41,210 yearly cost figure cited in the report falls between the $37,000 to $47,000 costs cited by the Allen organization. The capital improvements estimate is more than the $50,000 quoted by the mayor as needed to get the park running.

The Lopenzina report also estimates that the city could take in more than $13,000 per year in park fees, a figure that would not make the park self-sustaining through its own revenues.

The income is based on charges of 25 cents to park a car or use the pool, and $1 per hour on the tennis courts, plus special fees for groups using the lodge.

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Camp Onota's operational costs are estimated roughly at $65,000

The city Planning Board yesterday put the initial cost of maintaining the Camp Onota property as a city park at about $65,000 a year, according to figures presented to five members of the City Council at a special Friday noon meeting.

The report in a completed form wil be presented to the full City Council Tuesday for what may prove to be the final vote on plans for the city to acquire the private camp property.

According to a spokesman for the Planning Board, the survey prepared for the Council indicates that the major cost will be for the hiring of a caretaker and for basic maintenance costs. This will amount to about $33,000 per year. The Planning Board study also indicated that some $20,000 will be needed for the swimming pool, mainly to bring it up to state standards. The board said this may be a one-time expense, however.

Other funds will include about $10,000 to establish a picnic area and refurbish facilities in that area, plus about $2,000 more to repair the handball, tennis courts and softball playing fields.

The board said it did not include an estimate for developing the lake-front property. It suggested that this expense be deferred for at least a year.

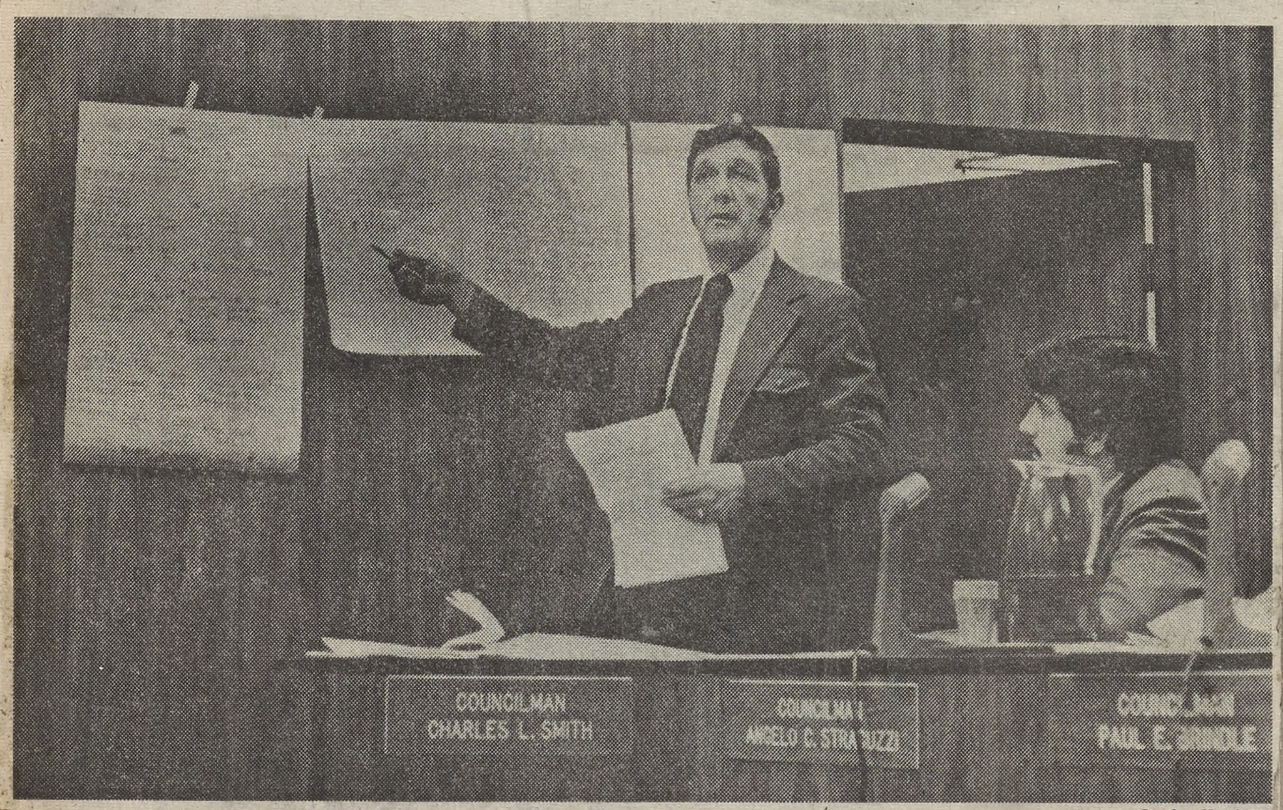
Included in yesterday's preview report was an assessment of land now controlled by the city and its possible alternate uses.

Charles F. Sawyer, chairman of the Planning Board, told the five councilmen present that its study of city land will show what parcels can best be adopted for other than city use. He cited as one example the city-owned parking lot at the corner of East and Willis streets which he said, has greater potential as commercial land than its present use as a parking lot.

The land study and cost estimates will be presented to the full Council Tuesday in response to a request from members of the Council who are asking for more details on the proposed acquisition of the camp property and what city properties could be disposed of as options for defraying the price for purchasing the land. Pittsfield will have to come up with $115,000 as its share of the purchase price of the facilities.

Sawyer commented last night that the figures did not take into account possible cost reduction by the contribution of labor from various city departments or by volunteers, such as Berkshire Community College students. Contribution of labor has been frequently suggested by proponents of the camp's purchase as a way of keeping the operational expense at a minimum.

Council President Philip J. Tully and Councilmen Paul E. Brindle III, Charles L. Smith, Angelo C. Stracuzzi and J. Francis Senger reviewed draft copies of the report at yesterday's meeting.



Stephen Hawkins

IN THE BALANCE, Councilman Charles L. Smith tells the City Council, the purchase of Camp Onota is not worth it. Smith used wall charts to outline the park proposal's advantages and disadvantages. Later he joined Angelo C. Stracuzzi, right, and two other councilmen to give the idea its death blow.

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2 county commissioners eye Onota acquisition

By Rinker Buck

Two County Commissioners said this morning they would like to investigate the possibility of acquiring Camp Onota as a county park, now that its purchase by the City of Pittsfield has been defeated.

Commissioners John J. Pignatelli of Lenox and James A. Bowes of North Adams have said previously that they would like to see the camp property remain open and undeveloped but had not spoken out publicly because they did not want to affect the City Council vote on acquisition. Commissioner Harry W. Vincent Jr. of Dalton said this morning, however, "I was and still am opposed to the purchase of the camp as a public park. There is no way I'll be persuaded to consider it."

Commissioner Bowes, said that special legislation, which might not be passed by the legislature until the end of January at the earliest, could be filed to purchase the camp. But Bowes was reluctant to commit himself to filing this legislation, because his term as County commissioner expires in January.

"I am a lame duck commissioner, and no matter how much I favor pursuing this question, how do I know which way the commission will turn in January," Bowes said.

But Bowes also said that he felt it would be "a tragedy to let this property get away, even if it was only held as an undeveloped parcel until funds could be found to operate it as a park."

Too late for option

Since this possible county acquisition could not be effected until January at the earliest, it would not come in time to save the option now held by the Berkshire Natural Resources Council. That option expires on Nov. 29.

Bowes will be replaced by Councilman Peter G. Arlos of Pittsfield, who supported the purchase of the camp after he won a concession from Mayor Evan S. Dobelle and members of the City Council that the proposed park would be administered by an independent board. Bowes said that if the county purchased the property, he would prefer to see the park run directly by the commissioners without a separate administrative board.

Bowes said that if he received an assurance from Arlos that the councilman would support a county park run without the independent board, he would look into filing the legislation.

No commitment

When reached this morning, Arlos said he would not commit himself on how the camp was purchased until after he was sworn in as commissioner in January. "I am committed to this being purchased by some level of government," Arlos said, "but we will have to wait until January to determine how we will go about acquiring the camp."

Bowes also said that the County Commission could possibly make a recommendation that the state Department of Natural Resources acquire the Camp Onota property and hold it for future public use.

Pignatelli said, and Bowes agreed, that whatever alternative is proposed, "holding the property open should be the goal, and we would just have to investigate whether a state or county body took it over."

"We owe it to the people of the county," Pignatelli continued, "to look into either possibility."

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Diane S. Climo

Diane Climo replaces Mrs. Strang as LWV president

Diane S. Climo, local action vice president of the Central Berkshire League of Women Voters, has been chosen to succeed Elizabeth O. Strang as league president.

Mrs. Climo was elected by the league's board of directors at their meeting yesterday. She will serve the balance of Mrs. Strang's term, which ends in May.

Mrs. Strang resigned last week to become a candidate for the Pittsfield School Committee. The league's nonpartisanship policy bars members in top leadership posts from running for political office and from endorsing, campaigning for, or contributing to any political candidate.

A league member for five years, Mrs. Climo has been chairman of the judiciary study committee and a member of the environmental quality committee. She is also a member of the city's Parks and Recreation Commission.

She and her husband, Dr. Lawrence H. Climo, a staff psychiatrist at the Austen Riggs Center in Stockbridge, and their two daughters live at 546 South St.

Council kills proposal to purchase Camp Onota

NOV 13 1974

By Grier Horner

Camp Onota will not become a city park.

The campaign to buy it was killed last night when the City Council fell one vote short of the two-thirds majority needed to approve Pittsfield's $115,000 share of the $450,000 purchase price.

Last night's vote was the showdown, the often-postponed culmination of 2½ months of controversy and infighting.

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The pivotal no vote was cast by Ward 7 Councilman Charles L. Smith. He said that operation and maintenance of the park would be too costly.

Smith had been viewed by the park proponents as their one hope for victory.

Although he had aligned himself early in the game with the opposition, he had appeared to leave the door open and three weeks ago asked for more facts and figures on which to base his decision.

The seven councilmen voting for the purchase last night were President Philip J. Tully Jr., Peter G. Arlos, Robert F. Jakubowicz, Joseph W. Ryan Jr., Paul E. Brindle, George M. Tagliente and Henry V. Marchisio.

Voting against it were Smith, Angelo C. Stracuzzi, Raymond E. Crow and J. Francis Senger.

To many, the vote did not come as a surprise.

During the 100-minute debate, Marchisio scribbled 7-4 in large blue numerals on the back of a brown Manila envelope.

During a recess before the debate, Mayor Evan S. Dobelle, who with Tully had waged a hard-fought Onota campaign, was asked how the vote was going to go. He gave the thumbs-down sign.

"It was an issue I considered important, but we will have to accept the Council's decision and get on to other city business," Dobelle said this morning.

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George S. Wislocki, the executive director of the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, bitterly disappointed by the defeat, said the Camp Onota is dead as a park.

There has been some speculation that the state might be interested in acquiring the property for a state park. But Wislocki said the state views the property as a city park site and isn't interested.

In addition, the County Commissioners are expressing hopes they might be able to take it over as a park. But Wislocki said they are destined to failure. He said there is virtually no chance they can get the 75 per cent state and federal aid that would have been available to the city.

Meanwhile, Wislocki's Natural Resources Council, which had gone out on a financial limb to hold Camp Onota for the city, appears to be in deep financial trouble.

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During the debate, Councilman Jakubowicz, realizing that acquisition of the park was going down to defeat, gave a long, sharply worded speech, trying to save it.

Jakubowicz asserted that some of the councilmen were "exploiting" people's economic fears for political reasons. An honest appraisal would show that tax relief would take reform at the state level and that the Camp Onota expenditure

Camp Onota plan is killed
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Pittsfield parks superintendent is winner of new national honor

Parks Supt. Vincent J. Hebert of Pittsfield today became the first recipient of a new national award for professional recreation personnel.

The award, for "outstanding professional work in the field of recreation," was given by the commissioner-board branch of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

Hebert, who did not know in advance that he was to receive the award, heard the citation announced while attending the monthly meeting of the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association in Marlboro with several area park officials.

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Tess Brungardt of Brattleboro, Vt., a former president of the American Recreation and Parks Society, a branch of the NRPA, made the presentation. She said that Hebert had been chosen from nominees submitted by cities throughout the United States.

Ms. Brungardt, who worked with Hebert in Montpelier, Vt., before he came to Pittsfield in 1950, said the award this year is the first time the commissioner-board branch has cited a professional parks and recreation official. In previous years, she said, the awards have gone to nonprofessional members of parks and recreation commissions.

Ms. Brungardt, who was on a committee that screened the nominees for the award, said that Hebert is "one of New England's most exceptional park directors, and no one should be surprised that he won this award."

Andrea Snell, recreation supervisor for the department, said this morning that Roger B. Sloper, chairman of the Parks Commission, Archie DeAngelus, director of the Community Recreation Association of Dalton and John C. Marchesi, director of recreation in the Department of Parks and Recreation, attended the meeting in Marlboro with Hebert.



Joel Librizzi

Vincent J. Hebert

Hebert, 56, is a native of Quincy and a graduate of Quincy High School. He graduated from Kents Hill Preparatory School in Maine in 1937 and Hyannis State Teachers College in 1942. He later took graduate degrees at Columbia University Teachers College in New York. He was a lieutenent in the United States Navy during World War II.

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He has served on a number of professional and civic organizations, including the Pittsfield Council for the Aged and the Berkshire Hills Conference and was president of the New England Park Association from 1967 to 1968. Hebert worked closely with the city Planning Board and Conservation Commission during the 15-year period when the facilities of his department have greatly expanded. He is credited with much of the initial groundwork that led the two city agencies to move to acquire Brattlebrook Park, Wild Acres off South Mountain Road and Burbank Park.

Hebert developed a recreational master plan for Pittsfield, part of which called for the establishment of the children's zoo at Springside Park. He is on the Community School Commission, which built the new West Side Community School and is overseeing the plans for the new Morningside Community School.

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Stracuzzi offers changes for Herklots plan

At-Large Councilman Angelo C. Stracuzzi agrees with the Herklots Commission that the Pittsfield government needs streamlining, but he has come up with some modifications of its plan.

"The Herklots Commission gave us a lot of food for thought," Stracuzzi said yesterday. "People are often afraid of change, but some orderly change is indicated."

Even though he differs in specifics, Stracuzzi's comments constitute the strongest endorsement of the Herklots approach voiced by a Council member. Several sharp attacks of the report, most notably by Council President Philip J. Tully Jr., had been sounded earlier.

The City Council holds its second meeting with the Herklots Commission at City Hall tonight at 7 to review the voluminous report.

Stracuzzi agrees with the commission's proposal to consolidate 25 city departments into 12, but he differs in approach.

Where the Herklots report sets up five staff positions at the top of a 12-member cabinet, Stracuzzi says all 12 cabinet members should enjoy equal status and report directly to the mayor.

He basically agrees with the commission's recommendations for many of the cabinet posts but sees a need for variations in a number of areas.

For instance, instead of hiring a $35,000 medical director as the commission recommends, Stracuzzi thinks direction of the health services could come from an unpaid board of professionals.

He thinks the commission places too much emphasis on the Administrative Services department. He would not add the purchasing agent and safety director the commission proposed for that department. He is skeptical that a purchasing agent could save the city money.

Stracuzzi agrees there should be a full-time solicitor and a director of human services. The human services director, he said, would give the city "better control and accountability" on how funds are spent in this area.

Some of Stracuzzi's other proposals are to make the city engineer the assistant public works commissioner, to have the assistant city solicitor hired on a project basis and to retain care of public parks in the Parks Department instead of turning that function over to the Buildings Department.

He also differs with the commission on its setup of a financial division, preferring to break that into two departments. One would contain the auditor, assessors and computer services. The other would contain a combined treasurer-tax collector.

In Brief

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Monday's refusal by the Berkshire County Health Planning Advisers to go along with the Berkshire Medical Center's application for federal funds for expansion puts the spotlight on a failure in regional hospital planning. After years of discussion, the Advisers complain of still lacking sufficient data on what is projected by Berkshire hospitals, particularly BMC. Whatever the gap in information, it should be easy for BMC to close, particularly if that could help win endorsement of the bid for federal funds — which, under President Ford's budget cutting will be hard to get in any event.

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Perhaps Vin Hebert, Pittsfield's superintendent of parks and recreation, was surprised at being chosen the first recipient of the newly established award of the National Recreation and Park Association honoring professional recreation personnel. The surprise, though, may have been that national recognition was so long in coming. It is nearly a quarter-century that Mr. Hebert has been on the job here, developing recreation programs for young and old and creating facilities that range from new playgrounds to the Senior Citizens Center.

Name in the News

DEC 14 1974

Quick-cooling firebrand

"My father was a French-Canadian and my mother was a McHugh — a good French-Irish split."

Vincent J. Hebert is neither unfair nor inaccurate when he describes himself this way. He has the practicality of a Frenchman who applies himself to realistic goals that promise a fair return for the effort expended to reach them and, occasionally, as he freely admits, the temper of an Irishman when these goals are frustrated by barriers he considers unnecessary.

It was this common touch, as well as his record as Pittsfield's superintendent of the Department of Parks and Recreation for the past 24 years that was recognized Tuesday when Hebert became the first recipient of a new national award for professionals in the field of recreation given by the National Recreation and Parks Association.

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A man of medium build whose fleecy white hair (he still parts it), thick glasses and oval jowls give him the kindly look of a snowy owl, Hebert, 56, claims to be "no more reluctant to put in a 16-hour day than when I came here at the age of 32." His staff at the Park Department affectionately refers to him as "our absent-minded superintendent," and tells stories of having to "type up five copies of everything because Vinnie is sure to lose at least two of them."

He has a legitimate claim to a crowded mind. As the overseer of close to 700 acres of city-owned parkland and playgrounds, he did much of the spade work for acquisition of the large parcels of Brattlebrook Park, Wild Acres off South Mountain Road and Burbank Park. He is again calling for a revised master plan for the development of these areas, as he has almost every year at budget time before the City Council.

It is at these sessions before the Council, like his recent advocacy of the purchase of Camp Onota, that has earned him what one friend calls the reputation of a "firebrand who cools down quickly afterward." Hebert's usually soft voice an render the Council Chamber microphone superfluous as he emotionally argues for "more green space and solid programs for the unborn generations."

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Hebert came to Pittsfield in 1950 from Montpelier, Vt., where he was also superintendent of parks. He is a native of Quincy and a graduate of Quincy High School. He went to Kents Hill Preparatory School in Maine, where he played football, baseball and hockey, and later received a bachelor's degree at Hyannis State Teachers College. After three years in the Navy during World War II, he took a master's degree in education and recreation at Columbia University in New York.



Joel Librizzi

Mr. Hebert: He argues loudly.

Part of the reason Hebert puts in such long days is that his apartment, in the large white house at Springside Park, is only one flight up from the Park Department offices.

He and his wife, the former Pearl Berry, have four children, Mrs. Gail Garner, 26, of Pittsfield; Greg, 23, who lives at home; Douglas, 24, a candidate for a master's degree in recreation at Springfield College, and Roberta, who is studying for a degree in special education at Northeastern University in Boston.

Hebert modestly claims to have "done a little painting in my spare time," and he also likes to fish on occasional days off at Otis Reservoir or Pontoosuc or Onota lakes. But just as often, he says, "I'd just as soon spend the time off looking for more ways to make fishing more available for the rest of the people of Pittsfield."

DEC 24 1974

Smith decision hints at Onota issue revival

Councilman Charles L. Smith, who was instrumental in defeating the municipal purchase of Camp Onota, says he is now convinced the majority of people here want the park.

As a result, Smith said yesterday, he is now willing to vote for the camp purchase, provided the city meets two conditions he feels would impose no problems.

Whether the issue will be resurrected remained unclear today, however, because one of the former supporters of the purchase said he would now vote against it.

Councilman Peter G. Arlos, after learning of Smith's new position, said, "I don't like the whole situation and I don't intend to countenance it."

Council President Philip J. Tully Jr., who had been one of the key backers of the Camp Onota purchase, said he will not ask the Council to vote on the issue again unless he is assured the needed two-thirds majority is assured.

Smith said that he has been talking with Tully, business leaders, union men and ordinary citizens since he cast the decisive vote against the project.

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In the depoliticized atmosphere that followed the camp's defeat, Smith said, he is finding that most Pittsfield residents want the camp for use as a municipal park. "If people are willing to forego the expense, I don't feel right in stopping it," Smith said.

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle, another Camp Onota backer, said today that the city still has $128,000 in uncommitted surplus funds to cover the city's share of the cost. "It would be a great Christmas present for the people of Pittsfield," Dobelle said.

Smith said the only conditions he would attach to his vote were these: that the Council adopt Councilman Arlos' proposal to set up a special commission to minimize operational costs by charging fees and that the city proceed in good faith to sell off some surplus land.

George S. Wislocki, executive director of the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, said that the city would have about one month to make a decision under an extended option it has taken on the property. In that time, he said, his group would have to determine if the 75 per cent state and federal aid is still available.

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Permanent Yule tree proposed for Park Square

City Councilman Joseph W. Ryan Jr. proposes that the city plant an evergreen in Park Square to serve as a permanent municipal Christmas tree.

Now, a donated tree is cut down each season to serve that purpose. His plan would prevent the "loss of a beautiful tree each year," Ryan said.

In addition, he said, it would save the time and effort that goes into cutting a tree, hauling it to the Square and erecting it.



Joel Librizzi

Seasonal silhouette

The winter sun silhouettes sliders at Pittsfield's Clapp Park.

DEC 28 1974

New hours listed for local schools

School opening and closing times that will go into effect Tuesday in Pittsfield are:

—For high schools: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

—For junior high schools: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

—For elementary schools: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Elementary teachers, who now arrive at 8:40 a.m. and leave at 3 p.m., will arrive at 8:45 and leave at 3:05. Junior and senior high school teachers will arrive 15 minutes before the new school opening times and leave 10 minutes after closing.

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Reardon raps Peter Arlos

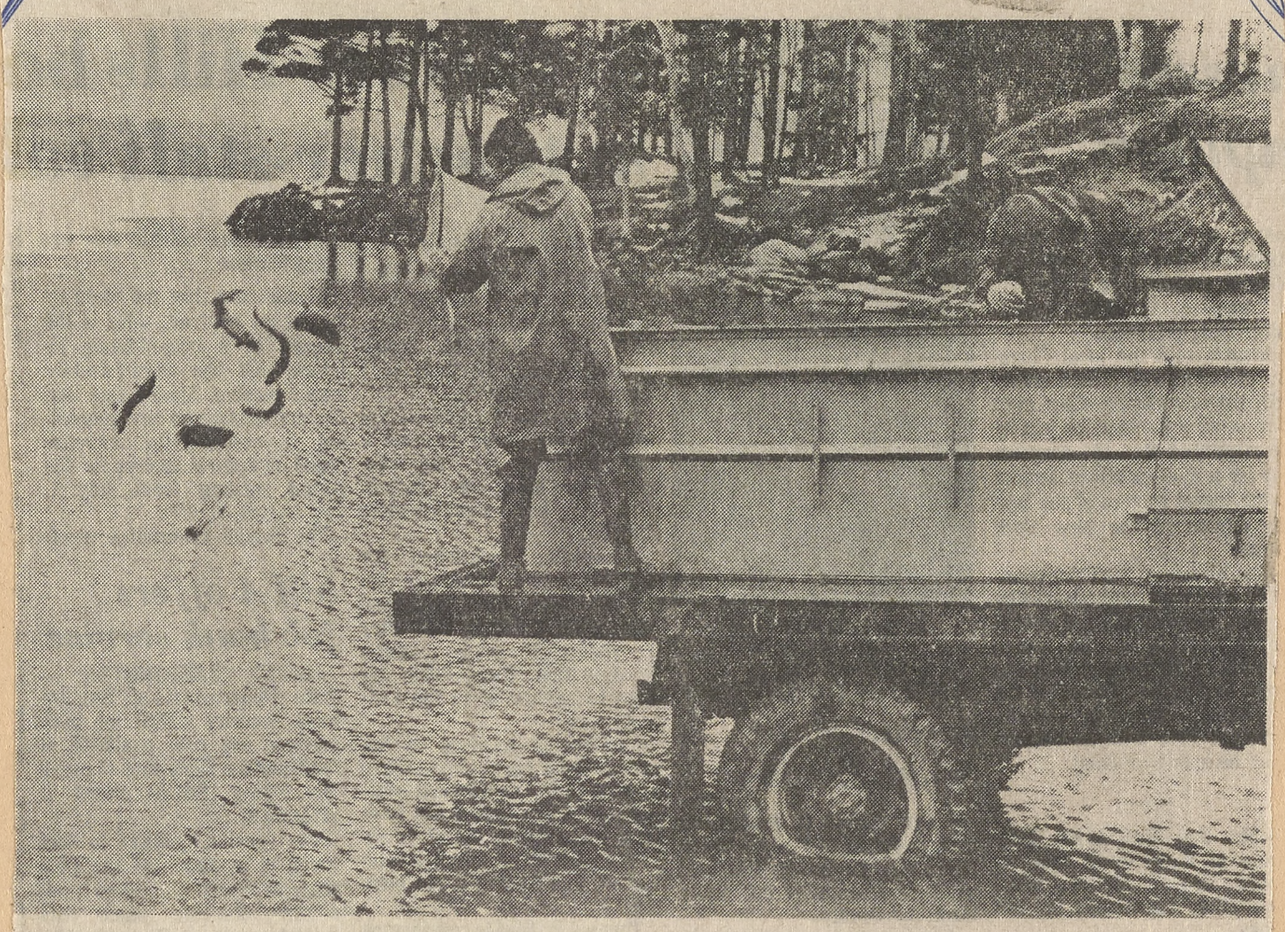
Howard K. Reardon, president of the municipal blue-collar workers union in Pittsfield, today excoriated Councilman-at-large Peter G. Arlos for urging a temporary wage freeze and a no-hire, no-fire policy for city employes.

In a news release, Reardon termed Arlos's petition a "political grandstand play for the office of mayor," and promosed that the union would file an unfair-labor-practices suit should the city go along with Arlos's proposal.

Arlos has petitioned the Council to impose a wage freeze on all municipal employes until the 1974 tax rate is set. He has also asked that the Council and mayor agree not to hire or fire anyone in city government for a year.

Reardon asked rhetorically why Arlos did not hesitate to approve a pay increase for city councilmen last year. "Arlos voted in favor of his own raise," Reardon said. "In my opinion Arlos is making a political grandstand play for the office of mayor in 1975."

MAR 2 0 1974



Joel Librizzi

RAINBOW TROUT flip into Onota Lake, which is being stocked by state Division of Fisheries and Game workers. The 500 fish put in yesterday averaged two pounds apiece. No fishing is allowed until April 13.

$20,200 cut from DPW's budget requests

The second session of the City Council's budget deliberations saw a total of $20,200 deleted from the requests of the Department of Public Works last night.

In the two sessions held thus far, the Council has cut about $26,900 from the budget figures submitted by Mayor Evan S. Dobelle. This amounts to about nine cents on the city's tax rate.

Major cut made last night was an $8,500 request for a new dump truck. A total of $10,000 was eliminated from three job classifications in the highway personnel account.

The Council expects to finish work on the DPW budget at its next session, scheduled for Thursday.

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$6,700 cut by Council

The City Council in the first of 13 scheduled budget sessions last night cut $6,700 from Mayor Evan S. Dobelle's proposed $27.8-million budget.

It cut $4,000 from the $419,500 Water Department budget and $2,700 from the $180,900 administrative services department budget.

It took nothing from the Council on Aging budget of $69,900.

During the session, City Auditor Anthony W. Sottile said there is a rumor that the federal government may change to a calendar year instead of the current fiscal year.

If it did, Massachusetts and Pittsfield might feel compelled to switch back to calendar-year accounting to stay in tune.

Pittsfield and all other Massachusetts communities have just switched to fiscal-year accounting to move in phase with

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Herklots will head pay board

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle today named Robert C. Herklots, a Berkshire Life vice president, chairman of the city's salary committee.

At the same time Dobelle announced the names of the commission's 13 other members.

Herklots, headed a special committee studying governmental salaries several years ago. It recommended increases for the mayor and City Council.

The charge of this committee will be to examine the city's job organization and the salaries paid city workers.

Other members

Dobelle named the following as other members of the committee:

Philip C. Ahern, former director of the Berkshire County Development Commission; Atty. W. Stanley Cooke; Charles B. Cooper, a work measurement official at General Electric; Paul Francese, a contractor; Richard S. Jackson, owner of radio station WBEC; Jeanette G. Massery, vice president-treasurer of the Value Mart; James J. Smith, an insurance executive and former chairman of the Association of Business and Commerce; Wilbert Stockton, a machinist at E.D. Jones and chairman of the citizens' advisory commission on West Side rehabilitation; Thomas F. Plunkett, former councilman and vice president of the First Agricultural National Bank; Jeffery Rayner, assistant vice president of the Berkshire County Savings Bank, and Robert S. Scott, president of IUE 255 at General Electric.

Dobelle also named Administrative Services Director Diane C. Jackman and Donald S. Feigenbaum, vice president of General Systems Co. here, as advisers to the commission.

New minimum wage law effective today benefits few area municipal employes

MAY 1 1974

By Barbara Van Nice

New federal minimum wage law amendments covering local government employes go into effect today and will necessitate pay increases for some municipal workers in Berkshire County.

A recent random survey of several county towns and the two cities, Pittsfield and North Adams, indicates that some poll workers, census takers, cafeteria workers and library aides currently receive hourly wages below the new standard of $1.90.

However, most local government employes apparently earn at least 10 cents more per hour than the new rate.

With the adoption of the amendments, the federal Fair Standards and Labor Act for the first time provides for state and local government employes, who number close to five million among the more than 55 million workers covered by the various provisions of the law.

The law raises the minimum wage of 36 million nonfarm workers from $1.60 to $2 and to $2.30 by 1977. For slightly fewer than one million farm workers, the lowest hourly rate is to be $1.30. It will reach the $2.30 level by 1978. Minimum for government workers will also be $2.30 by 1978, under the provisions.

State minimum wage laws, which govern pay levels for most employes not under federal regulations, do not affect government workers. The state minimum of $1.85 per hour was adopted in October 1972, and will not change unless legislation is enacted.

Asked if any state employe earns less than $1.90 an hour, a state administrative finance official said, "No, absolutely not." The lowest-paid state employes receive $100.90 per week — more than $2.50 an hour.

It appears that most municipal workers in Berkshire County towns and cities also earn above the minimum. For example, the most recently hired Dalton town employe, a teen-ager earns that town's lowest rate of $2.26 an hour. The lowest-paid Adams-Cheshire Regional school district worker earns $2.10 an hour. Pittsfield has no one receiving less than $2.

The federal law does not distinguish between part-time and full-time labor. However, it does allow for students employed no more than 20 hours a week at schools or institutions to earn only 85 per cent of the minimum.

Few less than minimum

The random survey of city and town clerks, treasurers and accountants indicated that few workers receive less than the new minimum. However some examples discovered were:

—Two teen-agers who work as aides at Botsford Memorial Library, Williamstown, currently earn 95 cents an hour, but are due to receive $1.25 starting in July. Librarian Annette Jenks, who said she has fought for higher wages for the teen-agers, said increases will be put into effect to comply with federal law.

—Eight or 10 cafeteria aides in the Berkshire Hills Regional School District who earn the state minimum of $1.85 and are scheduled to receive at least $1.90 an hour in July.

—Poll workers in Adams, who received $1.65 an hour, and poll workers and census takers in Cheshire, who received $1.75, as did Williamstown poll workers, for their most recent work.

—Part-time library clerks in North Adams earn $1.61 currently and are to receive a 5.5 per cent or 21-cent, raise in July.

Noncompliance penalty

An official in the federal labor department's regional office in Boston said towns or cities found not in compliance with the law will be required to pay affected employes retroactively to May 1, the effective date of the amendments.

When President Nixon signed the amendments bill into law April 8 he said he had "some reservations" about the measure, but that "raising the minimum wage is now a matter of justice that can no longer be delayed." He had vetoed similar legislation last fall.

The National League of Cities, which represents 15,000 municipalities plus each state's 10 largest and capital cities and cities of over-30,000 population, had fought passage of the amendment affecting municipal workers.

The league, according to a spokesman, contended that the U.S. Constitution grants to Congress the power to regulate only international and interstate commerce and, by extension, only those wages paid laborers involved in those trades or industries crossing state lines.

On a practical level, the league argued that government employes have sufficient voting power to pressure elected officials for higher wages.

The spokesman for the cities also cited the inflationary factor for municipalities' budgets, which draw money not from increased product prices, but from taxes.

However, said Donald A. Slater, the league's director of federal regulations, "In the end, labor had the votes" and the bill passed and received Nixon's signature.



Joel Librizzi

MAY 6 1974

Shell game

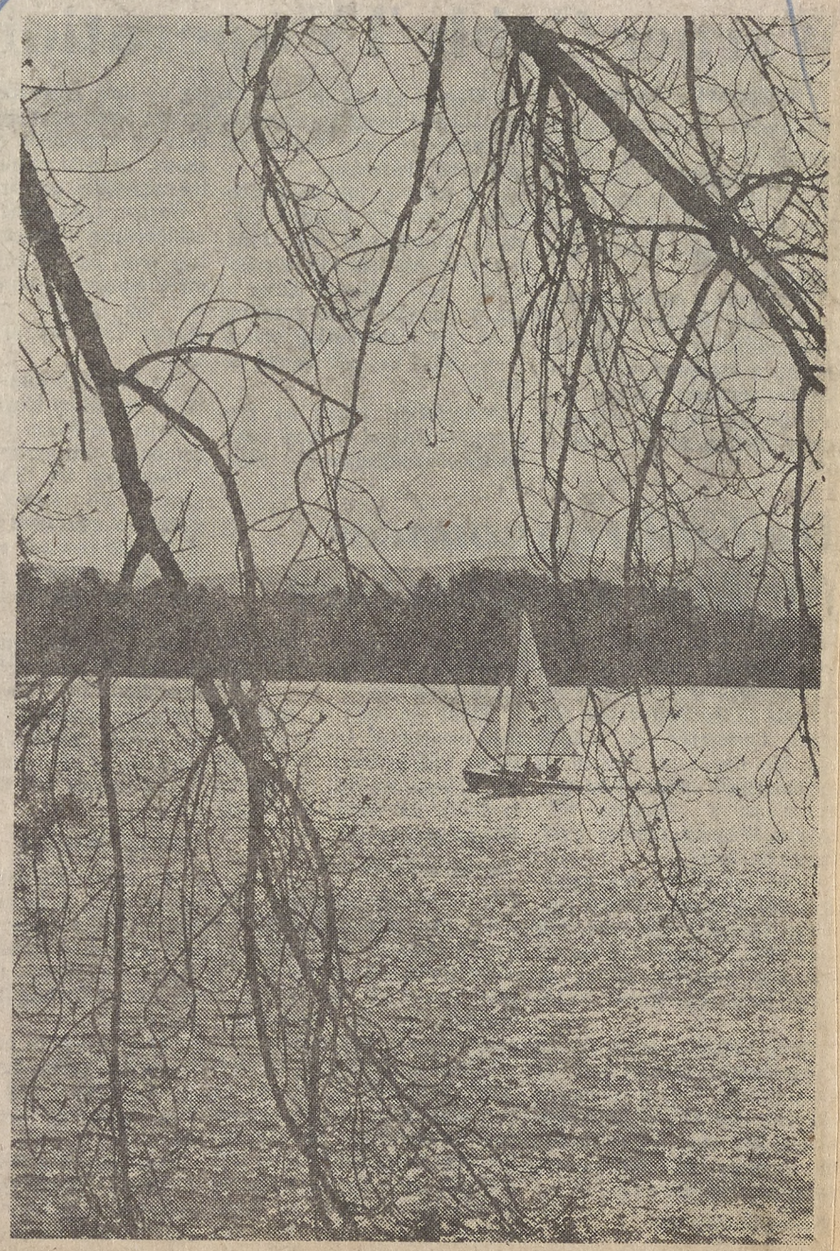
Radcliffe's eight-oared women's crew, foreground, strokes out another victory yesterday on Onota Lake, outdistancing Connecticut College, middle, and Boston University, top. Williams College's women's crew finished fourth in the six-boat race. Details in the sports section, Page 28.



Shakedown

Crew of a sloop battens down the hatches and all that sort of thing following a circumnavigation of Onota Lake, possibly a trial run before challenging the Atlantic.

MAY 18 1974



Spring Sail

Gliding smartly across the smiling waters of Pontoosuc Lake, an early representative of the sailing fleet is visible through budding branches.

JUN 25 1974

South Berkshire ice rink turns up in state budget

By A. A. Michelson

BOSTON — The Senate Ways and Means Committee surprisingly added to a capital-outlay budget this morning $1.2 million for a skating rink in Southern Berkshire.

The item does not specify which town would get the proposed rink.

It came as a surprise to Berkshire County legislators who were under the impression that there was a moratorium this year on building state-financed skating rinks. In addition, the state Department of Natural Resources, which builds and maintains the rinks, has adopted a policy of building rinks only in areas with a population that can financially support the expensive indoor facilities.

North Adams has an indoor skating rink, and even though the Northern Berkshire area which it serves has a far greater population than Southern Berkshire's, state figures show it operated at about the biggest deficit of any of the state's indoor skating rinks.

Forty bills were filed this year for new indoor skating rinks in cities and towns all over Massachusetts, but all, except the one for Southern Berkshire, were put on ice.

Sen. James E. Kelly, D-Oxford, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, said the item was added to the budget at the behest of Sen. Alan D. Sisitsky, D-Springfield, whose district includes seven Southern Berkshire towns.

"He told us," Kelly said, "that Southern Berkshire was the only area in the state that didn't have an indoor skating rink."

Other Berkshire items were included in budgets acted on yesterday. One was an appropriation of $65,000 for rehabilitating the Thunderbolt Trail on Mt. Greylock. This was inserted in a deficiency budget by Rep. Anthony P. McBride, D-Adams, without any opposition from the state Department of Natural Resources which has control over the mountain.

In the Senate the Thunderbolt Trail item was questioned by Sen. Francis X. McCann, D-Cambridge.

He read a telegram sent by Mrs. Margaret Stabler of Williamstown urging him to vote against this appropriation which is, she said, "for the benefit of Elco Enterprises."

But at the behest of Sen. John H. Fitzpatrick, R-Stockbridge, the item was left intact. He said it is a "small amount of money" to help the Berkshire economy.

Another item in the budget is $433,000 to finance repairs in five Southern Berkshire towns which were hit by a tornado last year. This item had been reduced to $133,000, but at the behest of Rep. Sidney Q. Curtiss, R-Sheffield, and Sen. Fitzpatrick the original amount was restored.

2 more rinks added to budget

BOSTON — By the time the Senate last night finally passed a capital outlay budget for the coming year, two more skating rinks, each costing $1.2 million, were added.

When the budget was brought in from the Senate Ways and Means Committee, the only skating rink included in it was a $1.2 million facility for Southern Berkshire.

But amendments yesterday from Sen. John C. Olver, D-Amherst, and from Sen. Michael LoPresti Jr., D-Boston, provided for rinks in Central Hampshire County and Cambridge.

Overall, the capital - outlay budget passed in the Senate was $45 million more than the $145 million budget passed by the House Monday morning.

The differences between the House and the Senate will be ironed out by a conference committee.

JUN 26 1974

JUN 28 1974

City has same problems as others, Dobelle finds

Back from the U.S. Conference of Mayors in San Diego, Mayor Evan S. Dobelle said yesterday that Pittsfield shares the urban problems plaguing most cities but, unlike many, is doing something about them.

Except for crime, Pittsfield is beset by the same problems facing all cities of more than 50,000 population, Dobelle told reporters. He listed these as spiraling tax rates, downtown erosion and landfill and solid waste.

Dobelle said he found during the three-day convention attended by 300 mayors that a lot of cities are not grappling with their difficulties. He attributes this in part to their becoming overly dependent on the state and federal governments.

Youngest mayor

Dobelle, at 29, was said to be the youngest mayor attending.

Accompanying Dobelle were Public Works Commissioner Gerald S. Doyle, Parks Supt. Vincent J. Hebert and Solid Waste Commission Chairman Thomas C. Litwiler.

Dobelle said it was "a good trip" that provided a number of ideas that could be useful here.

JUN 28 1974

Legislature approves ice rink

BOSTON — The House and Senate yesterday passed on split votes a $182 million capital-outlay budget for the coming fiscal year which includes $1.2 million for a year-round indoor skating rink for South Berkshire.

The budget is now in the hands of Gov. Francis W. Sargent, who may line-veto some items. State Sen. Alan D. Sisitsky, D-Springfield, who was instrumental in steering the money for the rink through the legislature, yesterday urged South Berkshire residents to contact Sargent requesting that he approve the skating facility.

Sisitsky, who represents seven South Berkshire towns, said that because it is an election year, Sargent would likely be responsive to substantial pressure from South County residents. Sisitsky cautioned that if Sargent line-vetoes the money for the rink, it will be difficult to override the veto in the House.

The capital-outlay budget, which required a two-thirds majority vote for passage, was approved by votes of 146 to 65 and 28 to 1 in the House and Senate, respectively.

The budget also includes a $1.2 million skating rink for Central Hampshire County.

JUL 11 1974

Sargent OK's rink funds, vetoes NASC furniture

By A.A. Michelson

Gov. Sargent yesterday hacked from a $182 million capital-outlay bill some $30 million worth of projects that had been added by the legislature, but the deletions did not include a $1.2 million indoor skating rink for Southern Berkshire.

It was Sen. John H. Fitzpatrick, R-Stockbridge, who saved the Southern Berkshire item from being line-vetoed from the budget. The governor reportedly has been of a mind to delete that item and another $1.2 million skating rink for Amherst or Northampton, because they were outlays that had not been recommended by agencies charged with setting up priorities for capital-outlay projects.

NASC loses furniture

However, one other Berkshire County item in the capital-outlay budget was deleted. It called for outlay of $100,000 for furnishings for a new student union building at North Adams State College. Rep. Frank J. Matrango, D-North Adams, who managed to insert the item into the capital-outlay bill when it was going through the House, said he will seek to have the House override the governor's veto of that item when it comes up for action.

"I had to remind the governor," Fitzpatrick disclosed today, "that he made a kind of commitment to the skating rink within the past year over radio station WSBS in Great Barrington during a question-and-answer program in which he had invited questions from the radio audience."

One of the questions was phoned in by George P. Lane, superintendent of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, a prime mover for the skating rink. He thinks the rink should be built on the grounds of the Monument Valley Regional High School. He asked the governor whether the project was feasible. The governor allowed that it would be a beneficial project for the area.

Sen. Alan D. Sisitsky, D-Springfield, who was most responsible for getting the Southern Berkshire rink appropriation through the legislature said yesterday that the rink will probably be built in Great Barrington.

Fitzpatrick is not so sure. He thinks a case could be made for locating it in a "more central" site for Southern Berkshire. "Stockbridge, maybe?" he asks.

The decision probably will be made by Natural Resources Commissioner Arthur H. Brownell and his director of parks and forests, Bruce S. Gullion. The DNR, incidentally, did not list skating rinks in Southern Berkshire and Hampshire County in its capital-outlay program, but neither did it object to the proposed facilities after Sisitsky succeeded in inserting them in the capital outlay budget.

Charles H. W. Foster, Sargent's secretary for environmental services, wasn't opposed to the projects. But he said he was unhappy with the manner in which they were pushed through the legislature.

The governor's capital-outlay program called for $167 million worth of projects, but the legislature deleted several environmental and correction items and then proceeded to add more than $30 million worth of projects which the governor described yesterday as "pet projects or monument building."

One such item he cut was $9 million for the Springfield Technical Community College. The funds had not been requested by the state Board of Higher Education or the state Board of Regional Community Colleges. The college is a favorite facility of Rep. Anthony J. Scibelli, D-Springfield, House chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.



Mark Mitchell

MAYOR IS OUT at the plate as he is tagged by 69-year-old catcher Tony DeAngelo of the Urban Coalition. Mayor Dobelle tried to stretch a first-inning triple into a homer for the City Council in the annual Coalition-Council game.

City Council's softball team edges out Coalition 25-24

By Jan Tavalin

The Pittsfield City Council has done it again. Rallying for seven runs in the bottom of the seventh to send the game into overtime and then scoring twice in the ninth to win, the councilmen stumbled, fumbled and rumbled their way to a 25-24 win over the Urban Coalition in the annual Blubber Bowl, at Clapp Park yesterday afternoon.

The win was the second straight for the Council, after the Coalition had claimed the 1972 curtain-raiser.

Council team younger

It was a younger, considerably thinner, yet inexperienced Council team that took the field against Al Bogdan's veteran Coalition outfit. Eighty spectators watched. Muscular Mayor Evan Dobelle proved the Council's most valuable addition, rapping out four hits, including a long triple, and Councilman Paul Brindle and Francis Senger each had four hits. Gerry Doyle hit a first-inning homer. John Marchesi and Philip Tully had key doubles in the seventh-inning rally. Brindle and Joseph Ryan scored the tying and winning runs in the ninth, ironically, on a force play at second.

The Coalition outhit the Council, 29-26, but committed 16 errors. Jeff Winslow, who played an outstanding game in left field, socked two homers and a double. James Smith and James Stimpson stroked five hits each, and Bogdan, in his Pittsfield valedictory, had four hits, three for extra bases.

Veterans for both teams had their problems afield. Council infielders Doyle and Marchesi found several grounders too tough to handle and the Coalition's keystone combo of Bruce Woodger and Dottie Bejtlich shared seven errors. The Coalition catcher, 69-year-old Tony DeAngelo, and his Council counterpart, Brindle, looked good behind the plate. Brindle was bruised twice in home-plate collisions.

'Wheels wouldn't turn'

With Council rookie outfielders Senger, Angelo Stracuzzi and George Tagliente adroitly avoiding foul balls, Charles Smith played the outfield at-large with reasonable success. As Senger summed up the situation: "The will was there, but the wheels just wouldn't turn."

Phyllis D'Orio of the Pittsfield Housing Authority umpired the game. She promised to familiarize herself with the rules in advance of next year's contest.

The Coalition used three women players, the Council none.

Four councilmen missed the game. Raymond Crow, Robert Jakubowicz and Peter Arlos were absent, and Henry Marchesio, recovering from an operation, was present but did not play.

Dobelle, who is 29 years old, modestly agreed after the game that he may be Pittsfield's best mayor athletically. Dobelle created a large cloud of dust in the first inning when he was thrown out at the plate, trying to stretch a triple. The mayor's slide was so impressive, it took several minutes for the air to clear.

The Council will meet City Hall employes in a preliminary to the annual firemen's-policemen's benefit game on Aug. 22.

School board ratifies contract with custodians

The School Committee Wednesday night ratified a new 18-month contract covering the school system's 95 custodial workers. The previous contract expired Dec. 31, 1973.

The new agreement provides for a 6 per cent wage boost for the six months between last Jan. 1 and June 30 and another 6 per cent for the 12 months ending June 30, 1975. Cumulatively, the increases raise the pay to 12.36 per cent over the original level.

Asst. Supt. Leon L. Siegel said that money paid the custodians during the 18-month period will be 9 per cent more than if the raises had not been granted. On an annualized basis, he said, the pay increases amount to 6.2 per cent.

Weekend work

The agreement also includes provisions for regular Saturday and Sunday work schedules at the new West Side Community School, a departure from the previous contract in which Sundays were not regular workdays.

The custodians, who are affiliated with the National Association of Government Employes, voted to accept the offer last week.

Ratification ends eight months of negotiations that last spring nearly reached an impasse.

According to Siegel's calculations, the contract will result in overall wage increases of $85,000 to $90,000. However, because of provision for Sunday work at the community school, to be paid for at a non-overtime rate, the potential savings in overtime could be from $30,000 to $50,000 a year, Siegel estimated. He explained that the savings are calculated for two community schools, not one. The East Side Community School has yet to be built.

Optional work

The weekend work schedule at the West Side School is set forth as an option that present custodians may choose. They can select a five-consecutive-day week that includes either Saturday or Sunday or both, but if too few custodians choose the weekend option, the School Committee has reserved the right "to accept applicants from outside the regular custodial service" or to hire part-time workers for Saturdays and Sundays.

AUG 3 1974

Tourist booth at Park Square extends hours

The information booth on Park Square manned by the Retired Senior Volunteers Program has extended its hours and will be opened from 10 a.m. until at least 5 p.m. every day of the week.

Courtney Flanders, director of RSVP, said 151 people made inquiries at the booth last Saturday, the maximum for any day this summer.

They asked an average of six questions each, he said. Most were seeking camp sites, parks, hiking trails and accommodations.



Mark Mitchell

NEW WAVE OF POLICE, 16 men deep, has been hired by the city. The new patrolmen are, left to right, bottom row, Henry Ferris, James Cota, John Bartow, Richard LeClair, Raymond F. Griffin Jr.; middle row, Bruce Eaton, Thomas Guinan, Kenneth Rivers, Robert D'Ascanio, Dermot Sporbert, Allan Cook; top row, Michael Eastland, Joseph Ziemlak, Albert Hayford, Robert Levesque and David Reilly.

PITTSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR
1974-1975

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182 DAYS

* Dismissal at noon

NOTE: This calendar includes 2 days for emergency weather conditions. If these days are not used, school will close June 18.

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AUG 10 1974

Police get 11% pay hike in new 2-year contract

City police will get an 8 per cent raise this year, followed by a 3 per cent increase in the second year of their new two-year contract with the city, The Eagle has learned.

The overall 11 per cent pay hike was one of two major items in the contract approved by the Pittsfield Police Association Thursday.

The police have been working without a formal contract since the summer of 1972, when the last pact they approved expired. In the meantime, they have been given salary raises equal to those given other city employes by way of City Council actions.

First to settle

The police are the first of the city unions to settle with the administration of Mayor Evan S. Dobelle. Negotiations were described by a knowledgeable source as having been peaceful all along, with "the two sides moving closer and closer together."

Negotiations with other unions representing firemen, sanitation workers, blue-collar workers and secretaries, among others, are in progress.

The new police contract also includes a 37½-hour work week, an agreement reached through a City Council move last year, although not put into force then because of a manpower shortage.

The new work week, shortened from the present 40-hour week, goes into effect after 16 newly appointed patrolmen, now undergoing departmental training, go on street and cruiser duty next week.

The new contract covers all members of the department, more than 100 men, except for Police Chief John J. Killeen.

The 17 captains, lieutenants and sergeants, the ranking members of the force, belong to their own union, but for bargaining purposes joined the police association in contract talks.

City officials have so far declined to disclose terms of the new contract, at least until the formal document is drawn up.

AUG 13 1974

City blue-collar workers to get total 12% hike

By Peter Scheer

Mayor Dobelle today signed a new contract with the city's blue-collar employes providing pay increases of 12 per cent over the next two years — 8 per cent the first year and 4 per cent the second.

The settlement, worked out in four months of negotiations with Local 861 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes, covers an estimated 275 city workers, including sanitation employes and laborers in the public works, highway and parks and recreation departments.

Biggest contract

In terms of the number of workers covered, it is the city's biggest single municipal contract. Last week the city formalized a new two-year contract with police officers calling for pay increases totaling 11 per cent — 8 per cent the first year, and 3 per cent the second. Still under negotiation are contracts covering city firefighters and nurses.

Speaking to reporters this morning, Dobelle described the agreement as "fair and equitable" and said he was pleased both sides were able to agree on a two-year pact, rather than a shorter-term, one-year contract as in the past.

Howard K. Reardon, president of the blue-collar union here, agreed. "It's definitely the best agreement we've ever had," he commented today. The union's last contract, an 18-month pact ending last June 30, called for annual pay increases of 5 per cent, in line with federal wage controls in force at the time.

A key provision of the new contract is a wage reopener allowing the union to start a new round of negotiations next year in the event of continuing inflation. The provision, intended as a substitute for a cost-of-living escalator, commits the city to participation in the renewed bargaining session but does not guarantee any wage adjustments.

Specifically, the new contract prescribes across-the-board pay hikes of 36 cents an hour the first year and 20 cents an hour the second. The increases will bring total starting pay for city laborers to $4 an hour in the second year of the contract, up from their current starting wage of $3.44 an hour.

The maximum pay for laborers under the new contract will be $4.75 an hour in the second year. Laborers reach the top end of the pay scale after two years of work for the city.

Total cost not estimated

According to Reardon, laborers represent about 180 of the city's 275-man, blue-collar work force. The remainder are mostly mechanics, carpenters, plumbers and other skilled employes. While they are generally paid more than laborers, their wages under the new contract will increase by the same amount, a total of 56 cents an hour over two years.

Dobelle today declined to estimate the total cost of the new two-year contract, or to venture a guess about how much it would affect the local tax rate. "I want to wait until all the contracts are signed before calculating their total cost," he said.

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City signs a new contract with its clerical employes

By Peter Scheer

Mayor Dobelle today announced the signing of a new contract with city clerical workers that provides pay increases totaling roughly $16.50 a week over the two-year life of the pact.

Both the mayor and Administrative Services director Diane C. Jackman declined to put a percentage figure on the wage provisions, but it appeared that weekly pay for the affected workers — typists, stenographers, secretarial staff and others — would go up by a range of 11 per cent to 15 per cent over the next two years, depending on each employe's current salary level.

The agreement, which covers 54 members of Local 65 of the Pittsfield City Employes Association, is the third to be hammered out with municipal workers this year. In previous weeks the city has signed a two-year contract with sanitation men and laborers, and a similar settlement with city policemen has been given tentative approval by both sides and is awaiting the formality of a ratification vote.

Still under negotiation are contracts with city firefighters and nurses. The firemen's contract is by far the larger of the two and ranks in size only behind the police contract in terms of the number of workers involved.

Settlement priased

Dobelle said today he thought the settlement was "fair and equitable" and described it as "very much in line" with agreements already reached with city police officers and laborers. Both those contracts call for pay increases of approximately 11 per cent over two years.

Linda L. Auswald, president of the clerical workers union, agreed today with the mayor's assessment. "It's a good settlement, better than any we've had before," she commented. "I think we've recovered all the ground we lost from inflation over the last two years."

Local 65 of the Pittsfield City Employes Association is affiliated with the national Federation of City, State and Municipal Employes, AFL-CIO. Miss Auswald said the contract was approved by a two-thirds vote of the union membership. The union's last contract expired June 30 this year.

Specifically, the new two-year contract prescribes a three-stage increase in job "grades," with each grade increase accompanied by a $5.50-a-week pay increase. Each worker will rise two grade levels in the first year of the contract and one additional grade level in the second year, Mrs. Jackman said.

This will mean across-the-board pay increases of roughly $11 the first year and $5.50 the second. By the end of the two-year pact, starting pay for clerical workers will go up from its current level of $109.78 a week to approximately $126 — an increase of about 15 per cent. At the top of the pay scale weekly pay will go from $148.52 to roughly $165 — an overall increase of about 11 per cent.

A key element in the contract is a provision for a "wage reopener," which commits the city to resume pay negotiations in the event of continued high inflation but does not guarantee any pay increases. As with the two other contracts already worked out, this one does not include a cost-of-living escalator clause.

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Mayor vetoes pay raise for city foreman-painter

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle has vetoed a raise for Jack V. Groat, a working foreman-sign painter in the traffic department.

The Council had approved the increase on a 10-1 vote last week and some members appeared angered by the mayor's decision.

To override the veto would take a two-thirds vote of the Council.

The raise would have boosted Groat from $5.10 an hour (grade 22) to $5.91 (grade 27).

In his veto message, Dobelle said Groat's pay should be subject to collective bargaining, and the increase could result in an unfair labor practice suit. Such a suit has been threatened by Howard K. Reardon, president of the municipal blue-collar workers union.

Dobelle also said the raise was unfair to those working foremen at grade 24 and made a "mockery" of the city pay classification.

Council President Philip J. Tully Jr. took issue with Dobelle's position, saying that Groat's job required skills that should put his pay above that of the average working foreman. The raise puts him at the same level paid working foremen in the skilled trades.

Tully and Councilman Raymond E. Crow also challenged Dobelle's assertion that there should be no "spot raises," pending review of the Herklots report. They said that Dobelle has given a number of spot raises to administrative personnel, including City Auditor Anthony W. Sottile.

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Council overrides pay veto

The City Council, on an 8-3 vote last night, overrode Mayor S. Dobelle's veto of an 81-cent-an-hour pay raise for Jack V. Groat, a working foreman and sign painter in the Traffic Department.

At the same time the Council defeated 6-5 Councilman Angelo M. Stracuzzi's motion that would have kept the Council from acting on future spot raises for employes covered by collective bargaining.

Howard K. Reardon, head of the municipal blue-collar worker's union, angrily threatened the possibility of bringing an unfair labor-practice charge against the city as a result of the override.

The 81-cent raise amounts to $1,684 on one year's income. Reardon, who called the vote anti-union, said he is going to come in with a petition for a $1,684 raise for each of the other workers covered by his union. In negotiations his union had already won a $748 increase for Groat.

The additional pay raise granted by the Council raises Groat's salary to $12,292 and puts him at 40 cents an hour more than his general foreman.

Councilman Henry V. Marchisio, who with Stracuzzi and Joseph W. Ryan voted against overriding, said this runs counter to practice in private industry.

But Councilmen Paul E. Brindle and Charles L. Smith said that Reardon was trying to hold Groat's salary below that of other working foremen because of union rivalries.

Reardon, who denies that, has been subjected to an attempted overthrow by Groat, who once lead the municipal workers with a rival union.

Before the Council acted, Groat was paid at grade 22. Working foremen-laborers got grade 24 and skilled working foremen received grade 26 and 27. Councilmen favoring Groat's increase argued that he had specialized skills that should put him in the higher category.

Unfair labor charge filed on Groat raise

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As expected, the municipal blue-collar union here has filed an unfair-labor-practice grievance protesting the spot raise given a painter in the city's Traffic Department.

Howard K. Reardon, president of Local 861, the city's municipal employes union, filed the grievance with Mayor Evan S. Dobelle Friday. He insisted that the city correct the situation by giving all workers in the department the same raise of 81 cents an hour.

The worker in question is Jack V. Groat, who once led municipal workers here in a rival union. Last Tuesday the City Council overrode Dobelle's veto of Groat's raise. At that time Reardon threatened to file a grievance to reverse the Council's 8-3 vote.

The filing of the grievance with Dobelle is the first step in a procedure which could eventually reach the state's Labor Relations Commission for a definitive ruling.

In his press conference Friday, Dobelle declined comment on the development because, he said, it involved "complex legal issues" that he didn't want to discuss without first consulting City Solicitor Charles R. Crimmin.

Reardon is re-elected blue-collar-union chief

Howard K. Reardon last night was elected to an eighth term as president of the municipal blue-collar workers union.

The 33-year-old Park Department worker was unopposed in his bid to retain the leadership of Local 861 of the State, County and Municipal Employes Federation, AFL-CIO.

Reardon, who ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 1973, last week filed an unfair-labor-practices charge against the city. He claims the City Council, by overriding the mayor's veto of a special raise for a city sign painter, is sabotaging the collective-bargaining process.

Under Reardon, Local 861 this year accepted a two-year contract with the city that provides raises of 36 cents an hour the first year and 20 cents an hour the second year. Reardon's unit bargains for about 275 workers.



Howard K. Reardon

During last night's annual meeting at the French-American Club, 54 members of 861 also re-elected without opposition vice president Bernard Radke, secretary David Clairmont, and treasurer Marcel Breault.

Richard Wick III was chosen steward for sanitation. Robert Staskin, William James and Lawrence Stevens were selected as directors. John Brazie and George Barber were elected to the Safety Committee. Charles Manzolini, Stevens and Radke were elected to the board of trustees.

Richard DiCicco and William Borden were chosen as master sergeants at arms.

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City negotiating team raps Tully's criticisms

DEC 4 1974

By Grier Horner

The city's negotiating team of Diane C. Jackman and Anthony W. Sottile today charged that City Council President Philip J. Tully Jr. "does not understand negotiations . . . does not understand unions . . . does not understand how salaries are arrived at."

Their sharply worded press release came in response to Tully's proposal yesterday that the city hire a law firm to conduct its negotiations with municipal unions.

The Council president said the present system of using city department heads as bargaining agents is awkward because the raises granted the employes are traditionally passed on to the department heads.

Difference in raises

But Sottile, the auditor, and Mrs. Jackman, the administrative services director, said the mayor, not the negotiators, made the wage decisions.

Mrs. Jackman said that because of a quirk in the salary schedule the raises passed on to department heads were not as high from a percentage standpoint as those won by the clerical workers in City Hall.

Department heads at her own level, she said, received only a 5 per cent increase this year. This is about 2 per cent lower than the clerical workers received.

Mrs. Jackman and Sottile said that following Tully's suggestion would be costly. They pointed to the School Department's experience with hiring a lawyer back in the late 1960s. It cost that department $16,502 in fees to that lawyer, Leon Kowal, for a negotiating period of less than two years, they said, adding the fees would be higher now.

The release quotes Assistant School Supt. Leon L. Siegel as saying the school department has had measurably better success at the bargaining table by "using our own talents" instead of continuing to employ a lawyer.

"It should be remembered," Sottile and Mrs. Jackman said, "that when one buys a professional negotiating service the effects are frequently impersonal, untimely . . ." They said that outsiders often don't understand what the community can afford.

The statement strongly denied that negotiations had been used to "persecute" some individuals.

"If Mr. Tully had qualms about the agreements, why did he vote for them?" the release asked.

Tully, however, had said yesterday that he generally agreed with the contracts reached with municipal unions this year.

He did say that he was concerned with the potential for use of negotiations for political gain by a mayor if he were seeking union support.

The Jackman-Sottile statement said a pattern of mutual respect was set in this year's negotiations with five municipal unions. While many communities are tied up in binding arbitration, the statement said, Pittsfield has signed two-year contracts with all the unions.

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Reardon attacks Tully, Arlos on bargaining issue

Howard K. Reardon, head of the municipal blue-collar workers' union here, has criticized Council President Philip J. Tully Jr. and Councilman Peter G. Arlos on the negotiating team issue.

Reardon said their criticism of the city's collective bargaining team was unwarranted and smacked of publicity-seeking.

"I don't see how they can criticize the team. They approved the contracts the team negotiated," Reardon said. "The Council have thought they did a good job."

Team member

The city's collective bargaining team consists of auditor Anthony W. Sottile and Administrative Services director Diane C. Jackman.

Tully is calling for an end to the present bargaining system. Instead, he wants the city to bring in a lawyer to bargain with the unions.

Arlos at Tuesday night's Council meeting termed Sottile and Mrs. Jackman "pay-roll patriots" who should not have issued a statement highly critical of Tully's proposal.

Arlos, however, does not back the Tully negotiating plan.

Reardon charged that both Tully and Arlos are seeking publicity because, he asserted, "Tully is running for mayor" and Arlos "isn't satisfied with being a councilman and county commissioner. He wants to control the mayor's office."

Reardon's union was one of those that recently concluded negotiations with the city. He said Sottile and Jackman had done a good job.

Declines comment

Reardon declined comment on Tully's question about why the union is bringing unfair labor practice charges on the Jack V. Groat pay issue but has not brought charges over other pay raises.

The union's state office has advised him not to comment on the Groat case, Reardon said, to avoid jeopardizing its current action before the state Labor Relations Commission.

Herklots hints at abuses in govt. as Jakubowicz probes for details

DEC 5 1974

By Grier Horner

The chairman of the Herklots Commission, in a meeting with the City Council last night, backed up his assertion that the governmental structure here lacks accountability by giving several examples.

Chairman Robert C. Herklots told of a time clerk "who does not feel comfortable" reporting his department head's absences.

In another department, Herklots said, there is an executive who "goes off for days at a time" without giving any account of his whereabouts.

And in a third department, he continued, there is a communications problem because the city's wiring, building and plumbing inspectors "don't interrelate" since no one is clearly in charge.

No witch-hunt

Because his commission is not on a witch-hunt," Herklots said, it is not offering the City Council the names of the people whose conduct it is questioning.

Herklots said his commission made its comments on the basis of interviews with city employes. But it did not pursue the accusations, he explained, because the commission didn't consider that part of its charge. On the other hand, Herklots said, it did feel it had the responsibility to call problems to the administration's attention.

In the beginning of the commission's voluminous report, Herklots wrote several sentences on this subject which have become a bone of contention between him and Councilman Robert F. Jakubowicz.

The sentences that prompted several sharp exchanges between the two last night and on previous encounters are these:

"There is a shocking lack of organization in the existing structure. City Government is composed of 25-30 departments . . . each of which operates independent of the others . . . There is little or no communication between departments; there is an absence of control over personnel . . . there is little accountability; and there exist too many opportunities for incompetence and or malfeasance."

Jakubowicz, as the Council and commission continue to review the report, argues that these are serious charges which, if true, should be substantiated.

Knee-jerk

Clarifying the incompetence-malfeasance opportunities, Herklots said, "We are not pointing a finger at anyone or saying it necessarily exists."

As Jakubowicz continued to press city department heads on the subject, Herklots asserted with annoyance that "it seems your interest hasn't gotten beyond the first few paragraphs of the report."

Jakubowicz countered that he was being subjected to "a knee-jerk reaction" from Herklots when all he was trying to do was pursue a legitimate line of inquiry.

"We're saying the problem is with the system," Herklots said. "You have 25 systems now. You should have one. The present system doesn't create efficiency."

Jakubowicz answered: "If they're talking lack of efficiency, that's okay. But the report says more. The three examples you gave don't justify that paragraph."

Village idiot

Herklots said the department heads aren't accountable to anyone now. But Jakubowicz said they are answerable to the mayor. To Herklots, however, the idea that one person can keep track of 25 departments was unacceptable.

To make that assertion, Jakubowicz countered, is to assert that mayors are the "village idiot."

With something like 680 municipal employes under him, Herklots replied, a mayor needs "more of a management pyramid." The Herklots report advocates consolidation of departments and creation of a cabinet system.

Herklots used Berkshire Life Insurance Co., where he is a vice president, to illustrate what he means. Berkshire Life, with something over 300 employes, Herklots said, has only three people reporting directly to the president.

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Mrs. Harrington heads municipal clerical union

Madalyn S. Harrington has been elected president of the Pittsfield City Employes Association, Local 65, which represents municipal clerical workers.

Mrs. Harrington succeeds Linda Aurswald, who did not seek re-election after serving three terms as the union's leader Ms. Aurswald will, however, serve as secretary.

Eileen Smith was elected vice president, Beverly Heidel, treasurer, and Rose Hendricks, sergeant at arms.

Mrs. Harrington, secretary in the Traffic Department, started her City Hall career as secretary to Mayor Robert B. Dillon and continued in that position with Mayor Remo Del Gallo. Mrs. Harrington, who was unopposed, lives at 26 Saratoga Drive.

Under Ms. Aurswald the union had negotiated two wage contracts with the city. The most recent round of talks was concluded this fall.

City Hall Social Club elects officers

Louis Dascanio of the Traffic Department has been elected president of the City Hall Social Club.

Other officers chosen by that group of city employes are Mary Heno of the Planning Board as secretary and Angela Bowerman of the City Clerk's office as treasurer.

Named to the board of directors are Donna Burton, Beverly Heidel, Katherine Quaglietti and Phyllis Therrien.

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Debate continues on city raises

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By Grier Horner

The debate generated by salaries paid working foremen in city departments goes on.

City Council President Philip J Tully Jr says Mayor Evan S. Dobelle and his administration have compounded inequities in the foremen's pay scales by doing nothing through collective bargaining to correct a situation thrown out of balance by a series of raises granted last year

As a result of this alleged failure, Tully said, the city needs to hire lawyers to negotiate the contracts with the city's unions. Negotiating is now handled by city employes.

Two support him

Tully's position was backed last night by Councilman Paul E Brindle and Charles L. Smith. But Councilman Angelo C. Stracuzzi and Peter G Arlos argued that hiring outsiders to do the job would be a waste of money.

The Council sent the Tully negotiating proposal to its Ordinance and Rules Committee. Tully's plan would require a change in the city's ordinances.

Tully said that the working foremen's raises granted so far are costing the city $20,000 a year The ultimate solution, he said, is to return the jobs to their old pay scale, once the present job holders leave the positions.

Meanwhile, the Council upheld Tully's position that it would be an "exercise in futility" to consider raises sought by several city employes as a result of the Council's approval — over the mayor's veto — of a pay hike for working foreman-sign painter Jack V Groat.

Tully unfair?

Stracuzzi argued that it was unfair of Tully not to be willing to consider these raise petitions in light of the Council's approval of the Groat hike But Tully contended that, with the union making a test case of the Groat raise, the Council has no alternative but to await the outcome of that case before acting on additional spot raises.

"Leonard I. Boivin, the foreman in Groat's department, said after the meeting, "I've been left out twice before and my raise has just been kicked aside again."

Under the $1,600 raise the Council granted Groat, his salary increased to more than Boivin's.

"Jack's going to be promoted to Boivin's job and take a cut in salary," Stracuzzi joked.

Howard K. Reardon's municipal blue-collar workers union has brought an unfair-labor-practices suit against the City Council as a result of the Groat raise.

But Tully on the Council floor last night asked why the union had let a number of pay raises for other working foremen go through without challenge.

Tully's implication was that the union was keyed up over Groat's raise because Groat and Reardon are union rivals.

The Council president pointed out that City Solicitor Charles R. Crimmin had signed the Groat raise ordinance, approving both its form and legality.

Only after Dobelle had vetoed the measure Tully said, did Crimmin issue an opinion saying the ordinance might be illegal.

Arlos fires shots

During the debate last night Arlos was critical of Mayor Dobelle's negotiating team for a counterattack it launched against Tully after he had been critical of the city's bargaining procedures.

"Here we had two department heads, who should be keeping a low profile, two payroll patriots, shooting political shots at the second-highest official in the city," Arlos said.

He took a few political shots of his own last night, asserting that Mayor Dobelle was on his way out of office.

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Reardon formally files 'unfair' charge in dispute on raise given sign painter

By Grier Horner

Howard K. Reardon's municipal blue-collar workers union has filed an unfair labor-practice charge against the Pittsfield City Council.

Reardon, the eight-term president of Local 861, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes, charges that the pay raise the Council granted sign painter-working foreman Jack V. Groat last month infringes on the collective-bargaining process.

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle said the city will not pay Groat the $1,600 raise the Council voted until the state Labor Board resolves the issue.

If it upholds the raise, which the Council passed over Dobelle's veto, the mayor said he will appropriate funds to make it retroactive.

Under new state labor legislation, the Council's power to set pay classifications higher or lower than those established by collective bargaining is under dispute. The Labor Board's decision is expected to set guidelines in this area, and in that sense the issue is viewed as a test case.

Reason for delay

Dobelle said he is not authorizing Groat to receive the additional money because that would "consummate" what may be an illegal act.

Reardon and the union's state representative, John Fenton, and Local 861 Vice President Bernard Radke conferred with Dobelle yesterday.

The union had filed a grievance with the mayor last Friday over the raise.

The City Council granted Groat an 81-cent-an-hour raise, bringing his salary to $5.91 an hour. Now Leonard I. Boivin, the Traffic Department foreman, has petitioned for an increase to bring him to a higher pay level than Groat.

Council supporters of Groat's raise have argued that, even though they are paying Groat more than Boivin, his foreman, Groat deserves the higher pay because his sign-painting job is more highly skilled work.

City Council President Philip J. Tully Jr. has moved to file the Boivin raise petition along with that of another Traffic Department worker. Unless a councilman objects, these raises will be killed by this move.

A City Hall source contended yesterday that the whole situation cropped up when the Council last year approved pay increases for a number of working foremen, thinking that the measure included Groat. It did not.

Reardon's union is arguing that the Council, by granting this spot raise, is subverting the negotiating process with the city. The Dobelle administration has taken the same position.

Complicating the pay dispute, in some councilmen's eyes, is the fact that Groat and Reardon are rivals for the blue-collar representation.

Groat and his backers tried to unseat Reardon's union in 1972 but the workers voted 114-75 to retain Local 861. Under the union negotiations recently completed with the city, the blue-collar workers, including Groat, won a pay boost. Groat's amounted to more than $700.



Joel Librizzi

BIG CHRISTMAS TREE is dragged into place by city workmen, preparatory to its erection at Park Square. The 40-foot blue spruce was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob G. Lefkowitz of 111 Allengate Ave. The Department of Parks and Recreation had the tree placed at its traditional downtown location yesterday.

Greenhouse group to hold open house

The Springside Park Greenhouse Group will hold its annual winter open house Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 874 North St.

Members will provide tours of the greenhouse and answer questions concerning various plants. Refreshments will be available. The event, open to the public, is free of charge.

Information will be available on membership in the two divisions of the Greenhouse Group — the men's and women's adult group which meets on Wednesday nights under the direction of Carl P. Deame of Richmond, and the youth or junior group which meets on Saturday mornings under the direction of Nicholas J. Debacher and Edmund J. Mastrovito.

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LOOKING OVER the plants at the Springside Park Greenhouse are Nicholas Debacher, left, and Edmund J. Mastrovito, treasurer and president, respectively, of the Greenhouse Group. The group's annual winter open house is scheduled tomorrow from 10 to 4. Group members will conduct tours and answer questions.

2,000 view exhibit at Springside facility

The Springside Park Garden Group attracted about 2,000 guests yesterday to its annual winter open house.

Mrs. Aldo Polastri of 207 Allengate Ave. won a terrarium as a door prize. Mrs. Ronald J. Nugai, 84 Adelaide Ave., won a large brandy snifter.

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle drew the winning name.

The display will be open from 10 a.m. to noon through Wednesday.

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Joel Librizzi

HYBRID TEA, floribunda and climbing roses planted in a border garden in the backyard of the Debachers' house at 90 Connecticut Ave. are mulched with buckwheat hulls. In late fall rose bushes are covered with maple leaves to get plants through the winter. Debacher recommends a 5-10-5 fertilizer for roses and weekly application of a general rose spray. "Chrysler Imperial" is his favorite hybrid tea rose.

A greenhouse within your means

By Madeline Winter

Small greenhouses have always been considered such a luxury that many gardeners have assumed they were something beyond their means.

Nicholas J. Debacher has an attractive 8- by 10-foot greenhouse attached to his garage at 90 Connecticut Ave., that he built for about $200, an expenditure within the means of the average gardener.

Nick used concrete blocks for the foundation, gravel for the floor, leftover wooden storm windows for the walls, redwood for shelves and sheets of clear fiberglass for the roof. The gas furnace cost $120 when he built the greenhouse nine years ago, two years before retiring as meat manager for A&P after 40 years' service. His heating bill averages $150 a year.

"I used to garden under lights in the cellar, but since I built the greenhouse we have fresh flowers all winter and tomatoes the first of February," Nick said. "I grow a little bit of everything, but I must admit I'm partial to succulents and cacti."

Fertilizes well

When Nick and his wife, the former Jeannette Moening, bought their house in 1938, rose fever struck him. "I had a lot of bad luck when I first started growing roses," he said, "but when I realized that the roses you see in catalogues will grow somewhere else but not here in the Berkshires, I planted the bushes two inches deeper than the grower suggested."

Before setting the rose bush in the ground, he adds a shovelful of dehydrated cow manure and two cups of bone meal. "I'm a great believer in mulch," he added. "In late fall I cover the bushes with a foot of maple leaves to get the plants through our subzero winter."

Most of the roses are planted in two beds in the yard of the Debachers' handsomely landscaped white Cape Cod. A bed in the backyard is 9 feet wide and 200 feet long and is edged with flat stone. The other bed, 25 feet long, is in a raised stone facade terrace which borders one side of the patio.

Nick's favorite rose is "Chrysler Imperial," a hybrid tea. He grows floribundas and some climbers, too. He recommends a 5-10-5 fertilizer for roses and a weekly application of a general rose spray. "I generally use Isotex for spraying," he added, "and Benlate for mildew and black spot."

Mulcher with hulls

Nick prefers buckwheat hulls for mulching his flower bed, where he grows a variety of perennials such as lilies, ferns, succulents and herbs among some 200 rose bushes.

"Buckwheat hulls are light and always look nice, even when they weather to a light gray," he commented. "Ever since the Checkerboard store on Fenn Street went out of business I've had to buy them direct from Larrowe Mills, a distributor in Penn Yan, N.Y. For some reason, nobody in Pittsfield stocks buckwheat hulls," he lamented.

On three sides of the house in the heavily shaded front yard, Nick plants hundreds of begonia bulbs in a variety of colors. He fertilizes them with fish emulsion. Hanging planters of fuchsia and begonias decorate the west side.

"Hanging planters look nice, but they're a lot of work," said Nick. "Sometime I have to water them twice a day." During the winter months he stores the begonia bulbs in a cold cellar in a barrel packed with buckwheat hulls.

Mrs. Debacher likes to cut flowers from the garden but limits her gardening to tending African violets in the house. "I keep her supplied with plants by starting cuttings in the greenhouse," her husband said.



Joel Librizzi

GREENHOUSE built by Nicholas J. Debacher nine years ago for about $200 is heated with propane gas. Sheets of clear fiberglass were used for the roof and leftover wooden storm windows for the walls. Heating bill averages $150 a year.

Greenhouse Group to open 1974-75 season

The Springside Park Greenhouse Group will open its 1974-75 season with a meeting at the greenhouse Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The organization will meet Wednesday evenings for 30 weeks. A club spokesman said membership applications may be made by calling the Department of Parks and Recreation. The group's youth program will begin Oct. 5 at 9 a.m. at the greenhouse.

Nicholas J. Debacher has been nominated to succeed Edward J. Mastrovito as president of the club. Also nominated without opposition were Joseph E. Cancilla, vice president; Mastrovito, treasurer; Mrs. James H. Quillard, recording secretary; Mrs. John L. Hurt, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Harry A. Smith Jr., social activities chairman, and Mrs. Joseph E. Cancilla, publicity.

Carl P. Deame, director of the activity, will continue as the main instructor.

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Park Dept. preparing Easter bunny visits

The Department of Parks and Recreation today said that it is preparing a schedule of appearances for Twitch, the Easter bunny, who has visited children in local schools and recreation agencies for the past two years prior to Easter.

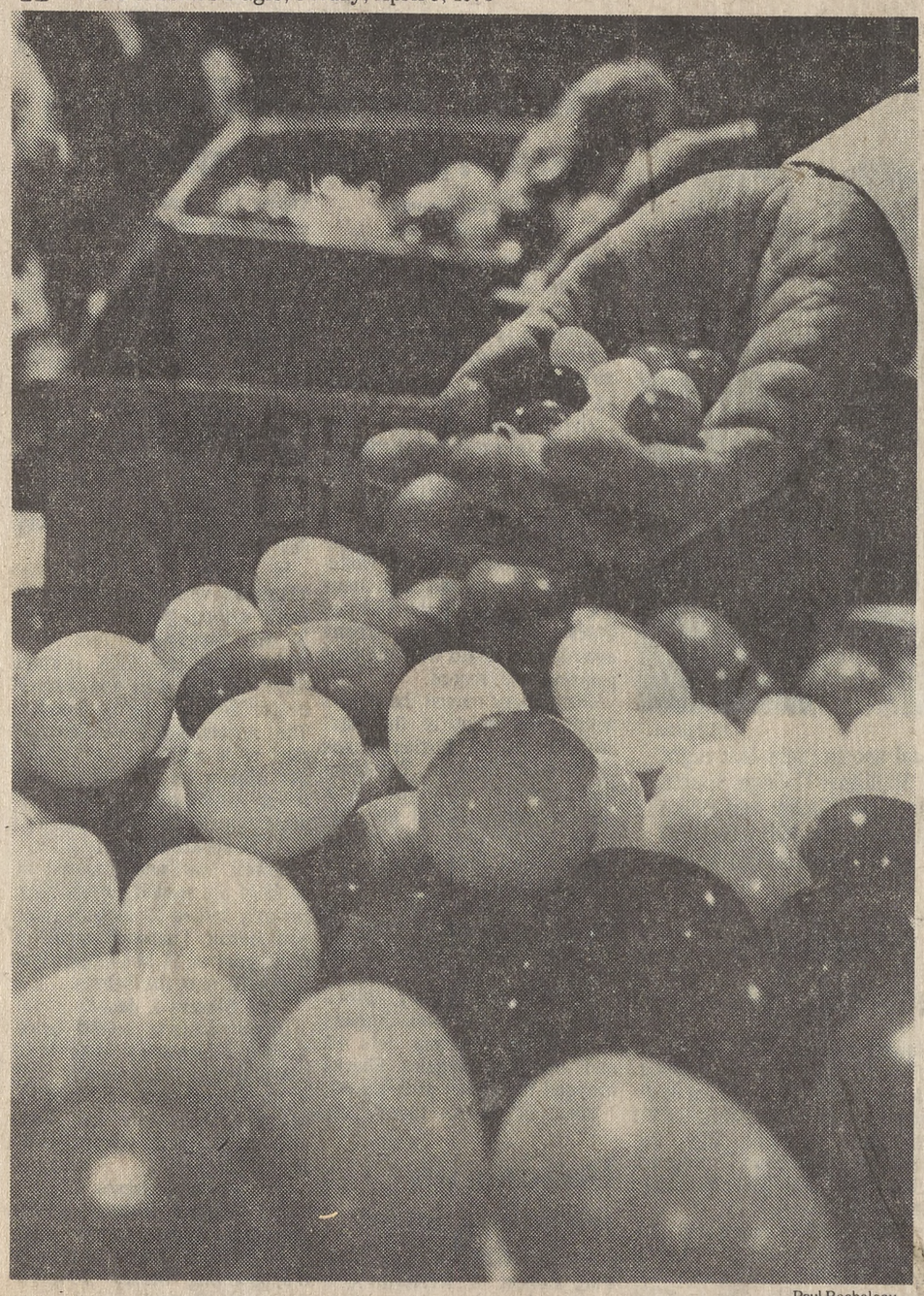
Elementary schools, nursery schools, recreation agencies or other organizations dealing with young children and wishing to have Twitch visit with the children should contact the department so they may be included in the schedule of visits planned for the week of April 8-13, the department said.

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Joel Librizzi

GREETED WITH A KISS is Twitch, the Park Department's Easter bunny, on a visit to Crane School's 1st grade. The affectionate greeter is Christine Wilcox. Looking on from the right is classmate Michele Sirignano. Twitch is paying visits this week to a number of Pittsfield schools and nurseries.



Paul Rocheleau

HANDFUL OF JELLYBEANS goes into each of plastic eggs shown piled on a table at Stanley Club. Exchange Club members did the egg-filling chore.

All ready for the egg hunt

Some 3,500 hollow plastic eggs have been filled with 200 pounds of jellybeans in preparation for the annual Exchange Club-Park Department Easter egg hunt.

Members of the Pittsfield Exchange Club took less than a half-hour Tuesday night to do the annual chore. The hunt is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14, on the playing fields behind North Junior High School.

The hunt has been held yearly since 1946 when it was sponsored alone by the Department of Parks and Recreation. In 1948 the Exchange Club began cosponsoring the egg hunt, providing the eggs and the manpower for the event, and has done so ever since with the exception of 1957, when the Optimist Club assisted.

Real eggs once used

In early years of the event, real eggs, all hard-boiled and decorated by hand, were used. The change to plastic eggs was made in 1959 after the event had been canceled twice in the three previous years because of postponements and fear of egg spoilage.

Real bunnies were originally given as prizes along with Easter baskets, but this practice was stopped in 1954 and stuffed bunnies substituted in their place. Although the children were thrilled to receive the live rabbits as prizes, most parents were not so pleased.

The Easter egg hunt is now open to children nine years of age and under with four age-group breakdowns: 2 and under; 3 and 4 years; 5 and 6 years, and 7, 8 and 9 years. Five prizes are awarded in each age division.

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Egg hunt seen running on schedule

The Easter egg hunt scheduled for Sunday at 3 p.m. behind North Junior High School will take place as planned, Dougles E. Chamberlain, chairman of the event, said yesterday.

The hunt is sponsored jointly by the Pittsfield Exchange Club and the city Parks and Recreation Department.

"The forecast for this weekend is rain, but it's hoped the grounds will be in good condition on Sunday," said Chamberlain.

Monday is rain date

Postponement announcements will be made over local radio stations on Sunday, if necessary. In that case, the event will be Monday, he said.

Chamberlain announced that the following people will help him conduct the hunt:

Henry W. Zopf, for children aged 2 and under; John Herman, for those 3 and 4; Michael C. Kuzara, for those 5 and 6, and Carl V. Bradford, for those 7, 8 and 9.

The hunt will begin at 3 p.m. and will last only a few minutes, Chamberlain said. He asked that participants be equipped with bags or baskets for collecting eggs.

Five prizes in each age group will be awarded.

APR 15 1974

1,000 kids in Easter egg hunt

Approximately 1,000 youngsters — possibly a record number — and their parents took advantage of the bright sunny sky and warm weather Sunday to participate in the annual Easter egg hunt of the Pittsfield Exchange Club and the Department of Parks and Recreation on the playing fields behind North Junior High School.

Prizewinners in the various age divisions were:

Age 2 and under — golden egg, Todd Eddy, 48 Lakeview St.; black egg, Candace Goddeau, 79 West Housatonic St.; silver egg, Mary Jane Spadafora, 238 Francis Ave.; largest egg, Michael Phelps, 134 April Lane; smallest egg, Jennifer Betit, 70 Euclid Ave.

Ages 3 and 4 — Golden egg, Brian Kelly, 156 Draper Ave.; black egg, Marc Lyon, 118 Velma Ave.; silver egg, Jennifer Ellery, 82 Pine Grove Drive; largest egg, Sharon Carver, 1062 North St.; smallest egg, Patrick Muraca, 33 Lillian St.

Ages 5 and 6 — Golden egg, Jennifer Daley, 1043 North St.; black egg, Bryan Puntin, 178 Longview Ter.; silver egg, Theresa Lynch, 1133 North St.; largest egg, Chris Barbarotta, 14 Parker St.; smallest egg, Peter Marchetti, 27 Courtland Place.

Ages 7, 8 and 9 — Golden egg, Carol Perkins, 248 Austin Road; black egg, Sharon Rivard, 61 Exeter Ave.; silver egg, John Rheaume, 37 Alcove St.; largest egg, Gary Desautels, 52 Calumet St.; smallest egg, Alan Killian, 6 Elizabeth St.

JUL 10 1974

Band to play at Rose Manor

A band concert will be held this evening at 7 to 8:45 at Rose Manor on Elberon Ave.

The concert, to be given by the American Legion Eagles Band, directed by Vincent Chiorgno, was arranged by the Department of Parks and Recreation in cooperation with Local 109 of the American Federation of Musicians. Future concerts will be held Wednesday, July 17, at Columbia Arms and on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 25, at Springside Park.

JUL 17 1974

Band concert tonight at Columbia Arms

The American Legion Eagles Band, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation in conjunction with Local 109 of the American Federation of Musicians, will hold a concert this evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Columbia Arms.

It was incorrectly announced yesterday by the Parks Department that the concert was to be held last night.

The last in the series of three concerts presented by the Eagles Band will be held Sunday afternoon, Aug. 25, from 2 to 3:45 p.m. at Springside Park.



Mark Mitchell

SCRAMBLING FOR EGGS, youngsters rush over the athletic fields of North Junior High in the annual Easter-egg hunt sponsored Sunday by the Parks Department and the Pittsfield Exchange Club.

Band concert Sunday at Springside

The American Legion Eagles Band of Pittsfield will give the last in a series of three concerts Sunday at 2 in the public garden at Springside House.

The band, under the direction of Vincent Chiorgno, has performed at Rose Manor and Columbia Arms.

Sunday's concert will be free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The concert series has been made possible by a grant through the United Artists and Recording Trust Fund and Local 109 of the Musicians Union.

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Work tomorrow on Halloween float

A workshop to build the Winter Sports Committee's float for the Halloween Parade will be held tomorrow from 7 to 9 p.m. at Springside House on North Street, Robert E. Cartier, chairman, announced.

He said members of the committee and their friends are invited to help.

SEP 21 1974

Annual Halloween parade is scheduled day early

The 30th annual Halloween parade cosponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and The Berkshire Eagle is scheduled this year for Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m.

The Park Department said the parade has been moved forward one evening from its traditional place on the 31st, which is Halloween, in order to alleviate some of the problems anticipated by conducting the parade on a Thursday night, which is shopping night in downtown Pittsfield.

The department said the parade committee is once again looking for marching bands as well as organizations, schools and recreation agencies that are interested in participating in this event by entering either a costumed marching delegation or a float in the line of march. Groups planning on constructing floats have been asked to contact the department as soon as possible so they may obtain copies of the requirements all floats must meet before being allowed in the parade. Floats entered in this parade must develop a Halloween theme and may not be used as a form of advertisement for a business or political candidate.

As in previous years, there will be awards for the top floats and bands in the parade, as well as for the marching delegation with the most participants. Costume awards for children marching in the parade will also be presented.

The Park Department asked persons planning on participating in this year's parade to contact the department office as soon as possible in order to be included in the line of march.

Boys' Club Halloween party is set

The Boys' Club annual Halloween party will be Oct. 28 from 6 to 8:30 p.m., according to Supt. James J. Mooney. Boys from 7 through 13 are invited, but must appear in costume, he said.

The party, sponsored by the Boys' Club and the city Department of Parks and Recreation, will consist of a "ghost walk" through "the haunted castle" at 6, refreshments at 6:30, stunts and games at 7, costume judging at 7:30 and distribution of some 150 door prizes at 8:15.

John Griffin and Craig Crosier are in charge of the party and can be contacted for details. Tickets may be purchased at the club any day for 50 cents apiece.

Costumes will be judged in search of the "funniest, ugliest, gruesomest and most original," they said.

OCT 21 1974

CYC to hold Halloween party

The Catholic Youth Center's annual Halloween party for grammar school boys and girls will take place Wednesday, Oct. 30, at the Center from 4:30 to 6. The party is sponsored by the CYC and the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department. The program will consist of games, movies, refreshments and costume judging.

Costumes will be judged in the following categories: most original, prettiest, best witch, ugliest and funniest. Party participants may march if they wish in the annual parade as part of a CYC unit.

Those planning to attend the party must register before Saturday afternoon. Before receiving a ticket the registrant must present his membership card.

OCT 25 1974

Party is held at Boys' Club; apes crash it

OCT 29 1974

Twelve boys won prizes at last night's Boys' Club Halloween party, punctuated by an unexpected invasion by nine members of the Planet of the Apes squad.

The apes made the mistake of swarming into the upstairs hockey rink where peewee hockey players, momentarily taken aback, counterattacked and chased them out with hockey sticks.

The ape crew made its initial appearance last week by attempting to sack the mayor's office and a North Street shoe store in an effort to publicize Wednesday night's Halloween parade. "Jailed" last Friday, they were "released" for the foray into the Boys' Club.

Prizewinners

Prizewinners among the 250 boys at last night's party were: Most gruesome, Denis Parent, 25 Delaware Ave.; Blake Linebaugh, 148 Union St.; and Craig McLaughlin, 159 East St.

Also, ugliest, Bobby Robair, 225 Onota St.; Kevin Gaye, 42 Spring St.; and Richard Lown, 95 Bradford St.

Most original, Kenneth DuPont, 16 Dundee Road; Elliot Bradley, 476 Fenn St.; and Danny Archey, 45 Springside Ave.

Funniest, Charlie Rose and Michael Rose, both of 61 Daniels Ave.; and Joseph Fortini, 28 McKinley Ter.

Larry Moon, 56 Boylston St., won the door prize.

SEP 28 1974

Halloween parade will be discussed

Persons interested in participating in the local Halloween parade are invited to meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Springside House, 874 North St., the Department of Parks and Recreation said today.

The parade will be Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. along North Street and is co-sponsored by the Park Department and The Berkshire Eagle.

The Park Department said organizations planning to participate should send a representative to the meeting to learn the particulars of float construction. Others wishing to help organize the parade also are invited, the department said.

OCT 4 1974

Youngsters given judging role at Halloween parade

The Halloween parade committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation has decided to establish a separate judging panel of children in Grades 4 through 6 to choose the float they feel best represents Halloween Adults judges also will make selections, the committee announced.

The parade committee said that 14 floats and 10 bands are tentatively signed up to participate The parade, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and The Berkshire Eagle, will take place along North Street at 7 p.m. Oct. 30.

The committee said groups wishing to enter a float, a band or a marching unit should contact the Department of Parks and Recreation immediately to make arrangements. All floats must portray a Halloween theme to be eligible, the committee said.

Girls Club schedules Halloween party

The annual Girls Club Halloween party, co-sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, will be Monday, Oct. 28, from 10 until noon. Free tickets for the party, limited to 200, are being given out to Girls Club members on a first-come basis. Members must present their membership card in the office to receive tickets.

Costumes will be judged in the following categories: most original, prettiest, best witch, ugliest and funniest. The deadline for tickets is Thursday, Oct. 24.

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Stephen Hawkins

STRANGE VISITORS got the drop on Mayor Evan Dobelle last night in his office. Looking like a scene from Return to the Planet of the Apes, it was all a stunt to promote the Halloween parade here next Wednesday night.

Pre-Halloween prank

Ape men invade City Hall

Seven creatures who said they were from the Planet of the Apes raided City Hall and a North Street shoe store last night.

In an invasion of Mayor Evan S. Dobelle's office, one of them, apparently by accident, konked the mayor on the head with his wooden rifle.

They told the mayor their visit had something to do with the Halloween parade to be held here next Wednesday evening.

They claimed they were going to bring a 100-foot pet to the parade but refused to give the mayor or police any further details.

Leaving the mayor's office, they hulked up the Dunham Street mall to North Street, disrupting Thursday-night street crowds.

The apes entered Bossidy's shoe store and were trying to replace their burlap footgear with something more conventional when they were taken into custody by the police.

According to one report, they were last seen swinging from the bars in the cells at the police lockup.

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Davis will be marshal for Halloween parade

Warren A. Davis, chairman of Downtown Associates, will be the grand marshal for this year's Halloween parade.

The parade will be sponsored Wednesday night at 7 by the Department of Parks and Recreation and The Berkshire Eagle. Plans for it were announced by the Park Department's Halloween committee.

Davis is the president of Davis & Norton, a director of the Central Berkshire Chamber of Commerce and a trustee of Berkshire County Savings Bank and is active in the United Way campaign. He is married, has four children and resides with his family at 52 Spadina Parkway in Pittsfield.

Eighteen floats

Eighteen floats and 11 bands are expected to participate in the parade. Floats are entered from 11 local schools plus Colonial Gardens, the Pom Poms, the Salvation Army, the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee, Girl Scout Cadette Troop 605 of West Lebanon, N.Y. and St. Stephen's Church, and there will be a special surprise delegation from The Berkshire Eagle. All forms of Halloween thrills are expected from graveyards to dinosaurs and dragons, from haunted houses to witches.

Bands will be present from three local junior high schools, Pittsfield High School, Wahconah Regional High School, Lee High School and Lenox Memorial High School. The Pom Poms and the American Legion Eagles Band will also participate. All the bands will compete for three prizes: first place $100; second, $75, and third, $50.

Some changes have been made in the judging procedure this year for parade floats. There will be two categories: floats constructed primarily by adults, and floats constructed primarily by children. Three prizes will be awarded in each category: first place, $100; second, $75, and third $50. In addition, a special $50 award will go to the entry judged by three local students to best represent Halloween.

Other parade awards include a $25 award to the school or marching unit with the most participants. This award is judged on a percentage basis. Costume awards will be presented to 140 children marching in the parade. Winners of the costume awards are selected ahead of time and will be presented ribbons to wear on their costumes as they march.

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Halloween party set at Christian Center

The Christian Center and the Park Department will jointly sponsor their annual neighborhood Halloween parties Thursday at the Christian Center on Robbins Avenue.

The party for children up to the 6th grade, will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. It will feature games, refreshments and prizes for the best costumes, the Rev. Richard Coleman, Christian Center director, said.

A second party for junior high school and older students at 8 p.m. Thursday will include a costume party and dance, Mr. Coleman said.

OCT 29 1974

Halloween parade's lineup, judges told

The lineup and judges for tomorrow night's 30th annual Halloween parade were announced today by the Halloween Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The parade will begin at 7 p.m. at Park Square and proceed north along the east side of North Street to Wahconah Park, except for floats, which will turn off on Russell Terrace. The parade is sponsored by the Park Department and the Berkshire Eagle.

Parking limited

During the parade no parking will be allowed along the east side of North Street. Any cars parked there will create problems for floats, bands and marching units attempting to maneuver around the newly installed traffic islands, said Andrea G. Snell of the Park Department.

Miss Snell also asked that spectators watch from the sidewalk and not from the roadway or islands, no matter which side of North Street they are on.

She added that in case of bad weather, any changes in the parade plans will be announced on local radio stations after 5 p.m.

Float judges will be James J. Mooney, Mrs. Paul A. Lauzon and Miss Kathleen R. O'Donnell. Band judges will be Arthur L. Niedeck, John A. Culpo and Robert R. Briggs. Children judges, who will make their own awards, will be Daniel Francese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Francese of 28 South Mountain Road; Susan Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Davis of 35 Chickering St., and Peter Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Henry of 90 Elberon Ave.

Miss Joyce M. Wilkes will be in charge of the reviewing stand which will be located at 122 North St.

Balloon sale

The Parks Speed Skating Club will conduct a balloon sale during the parade. The club will work out of two areas, the former Fred Astaire dance studio and the former First National Store parking lot. Participating club members are to report to their assigned areas no later than 6 p.m., Miss Snell said. Profits from the sale will help defray the skaters' expenses for skating meets during the season.

The scheduled lineup and starting points for the various sections are:

Section I — Bartlett Avenue and East Street
Police car
Park Department car
Red Cross car
VFW color guard
Grand Marshal, Warren Davis
Fire trucks & Sparky
1974 playground king and queen
American Legion/Eagles Band
St. Stephens Church float
Sacred Heart marchers
St. Mark's marchers
Cadette Troop 605 float
Junior Girl Scouts, West Lebanon, N.Y.
South Junior High School band
South Junior High School float
Russell School marchers
Stearns School marchers
Follow-Through float
Follow-Through marchers

Section II — Pomeroy Avenue and East Street
Lenox Memorial High School Band
Eastover fire truck — UNICEF
Lenox junior Miss contestants
Highland School float
Highland School marchers
Pom Poms float
Redfield School marchers
Pontoosuc School marchers
Allendale School float
Allendale School marchers
Pittsfield High School Band
Pittsfield High School Cadettes
West Side Community School float
West Side Community School marchers
Plunkett School marchers
Senior Center mini-bus
Winter Sports Committee float
Pomeroy School marchers
Girls Club marchers

Section III — PHS driveway entrance
Dawes School float
Dawes School marchers
Lee High School Band
Christian Center marchers
Egremont School float
Egremont School marchers
Hibbard School marchers
North Junior High Band
Salvation Army float
Catholic Central Middle School marchers
Catholic Central Elementary School marchers
Catholic Youth Center marchers
Williams School float
Williams School marchers
Mercer School marchers
Colonial Gardens float

Section IV — PHS driveway exit
Wahconah Regional Band
Crane School float
Crane School marchers
Crosby Junior High cheerleaders and drill team
Crosby Junior High Band
Crosby Junior High float
Bartlett School marchers
Rice School float
Rice School marchers
Central Annex marchers
Pom Poms drum corps
Eagle float

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Marcel E. Peltier

THIRD PRIZE among floats made by young people was given at last night's Halloween parade to the Rice School entry, "Party at Horror Castle." Passengers were "munsters." Another parade photo, Page 15.

Parade attracts a record crowd

Balmy temperatures help annual Halloween event

The 30th annual Halloween parade made its way gingerly up the east lane of North Street last night through a record crowd of spectators estimated by the parade committee at 40,000.

Sixty-eight units marched in the balmy 57-degree weather. The following awards were made:

Floats made primarily by youths:

First prize, $100, Berkshire Pom Poms, "Halloween on Sesame Street," depicting a street scene from the television show featuring the following characters, Bert, Oscar the Grouch, Goldie-Snuffle-Upagus, Sam the Tinman, Ernie, Cookie Monster, the Count and Big Bird.

Second prize, $75, Colonial Gardens Apartments, "The Witch's Wedding," showing Wanda the Witch, in white, being married to Satan, in red.

Third prize, $50, Rice School, "Party at Horror Castle," showing children dressed up as "munsters."

Floats by adults

Floats made primarily by adults:

First prize, $100, Egremont School, "Halloween at the Fair," upon which there was a merry-go-round where "batburgers" and "witches' brew" were available.

Second prize, $75, Williams School, "Halloween 100 million BC," a 100-foot-long dinosaur made from a Drott backhoe.

Third prize, $50, Dawes School, "Eerie Knights," which consisted of a 10-foot-long green dragon belching clouds of carbon dioxide, followed by about 175 children with tinfoil knights' helmets, white tunics, spears and shields.

Bands from the following schools won awards:

First prize, $100, Lee High School; second prize, $75, Wahconah Regional High School, and third prize, $50, Berkshire Pom Poms.

This year for the first time there was a panel of children judges. The panel gave a single prize of $50 to the Williams School for its dinosaur.

Mercer and Rice schools each won $25 because of the many participants—about 115 from Mercer and 125 from Rice. This was about 50 per cent of each student body, according to Andrea G. Snell of the Department of Parks and Recreation which, along with The Berkshire Eagle, sponsored the parade.

Route crowded

Spectators crunched in on both sides of the new, narrow parade route up the east side of North Street. No one heeded the parade committee's request to stay off the newly installed traffic islands. Drivers of floats and marchers had to use care in making their way along the street.

Even a patrol by a Reynolds Driving School car using a loudspeaker failed to keep the crowd off the islands.

"Whether we have to put up a rope or not in the future, I can't say. We'll have to evaluate it," said Miss Snell. "We had a feeling it was going to happen."

The Williams School's dinosaur had skin made of brown, yellow and green squares of plastic.

In spite of his mother's saying it was "just a steam shovel," 5-year-old Jared J. Echo insisted it was a dinosaur and that it lived "in the forest" and ate "grass and men." Jared is the son of Robert and Bonnie Echo of 20 Brown St.

The Berkshire Eagle's float bore a 20-foot high gorilla and a cage.

Apes invade crowd

As the float rolled up North Street a team of 10 human-sized apes grabbed and caged several spectators, including Robert M. Rose, business manager of The Eagle, and Mayor Evan S. Dobelle. All the while the spookily amplified voice of Daniel J. Boino of the Eagle's composing room, speaking as the monster gorilla, was saying: "Gather them up. Gather them all."

Rose managed to escape in front of the Berkshire Leather Co. while others were being caged. Mayor Dobelle, however, failed to escape until the float reached the Capitol Theatre.

Among others were Mary A. Dorsel, 12, of View Drive, Richmond; Lisa A. Pollander, 14, and John Pollander, 12, both of 109 Stratford Ave.; Mark Reardon, 9, of 16 Elm St., Dalton; David T. Caparrelli, 12, of 176 Woodlawn Ave.; Matthew Pero, 12, and Donald Pero, 14, both 8 Glenwood Ave.; Cathy Viner, 17, and George Viner, 15, both of 172 Churchill St.; Debby Carderella, 17, of 87 Greylock Ter.; Marie Stanger of Elizabeth Street and Debbie Sacco of Draper Avenue.



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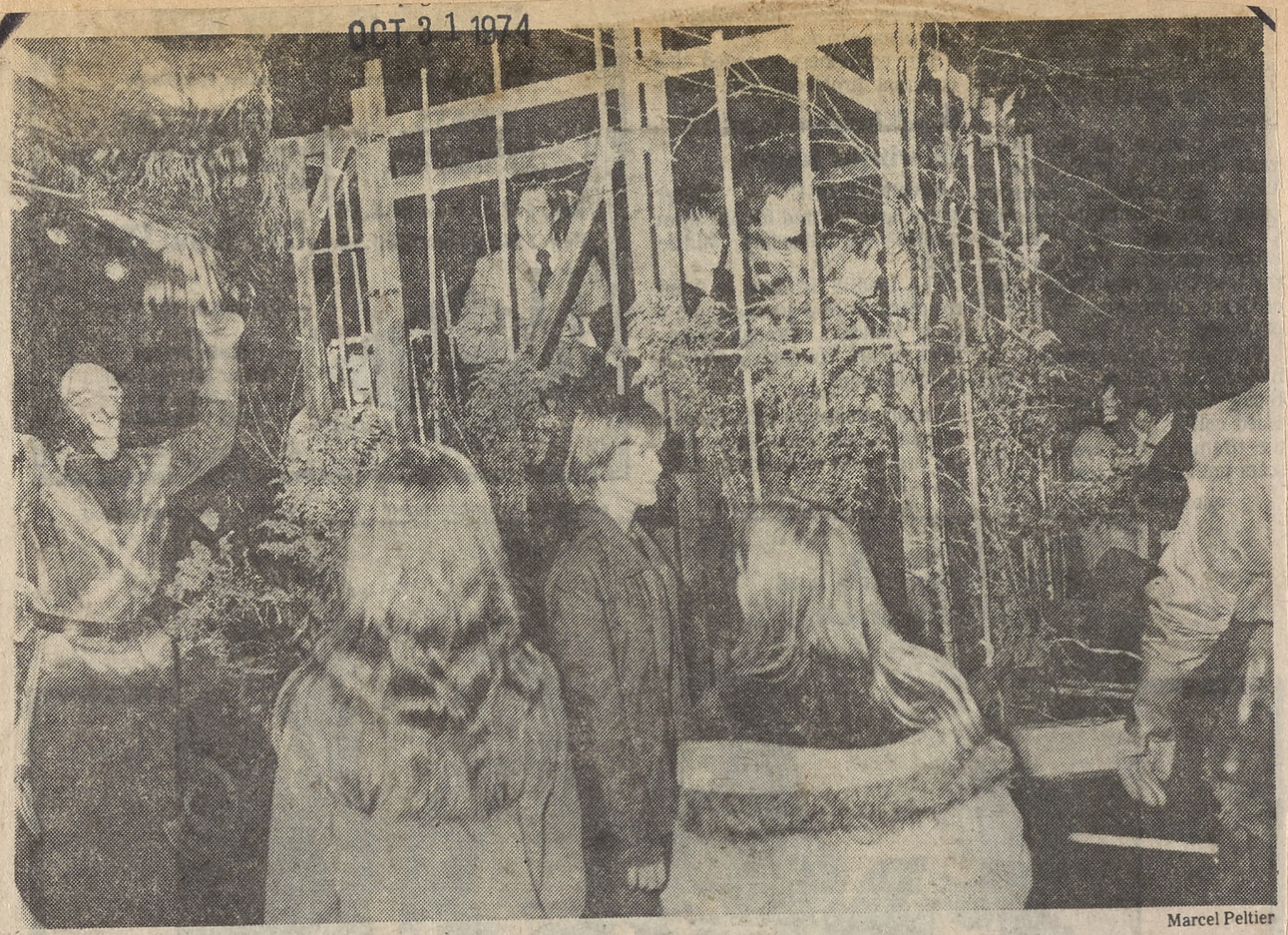
Dinosaur invades North Street

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This 100-foot monster, labeled Halloween, 100 Million B.C., won two prizes at last night's Halloween parade, which was viewed by a record 40,000 spectators on North Street. A backhoe's extended arm provided the foundation for the monster's neck and head. The float was entered by Williams School. (Story, Page 21.)

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Marcel Peltier

PITTSFIELD MAYOR Evan S. Dobelle was taken prisoner by ape-like escort for Berkshire Eagle float in last night's Halloween parade in Pittsfield. He was lodged in cage on float, along with another local worthy, Robert W. Rose, Eagle business manager, plus assorted youngsters. An estimated 40,000 persons lined North Street to view parade. (Story on Page 1, Sec. 2).

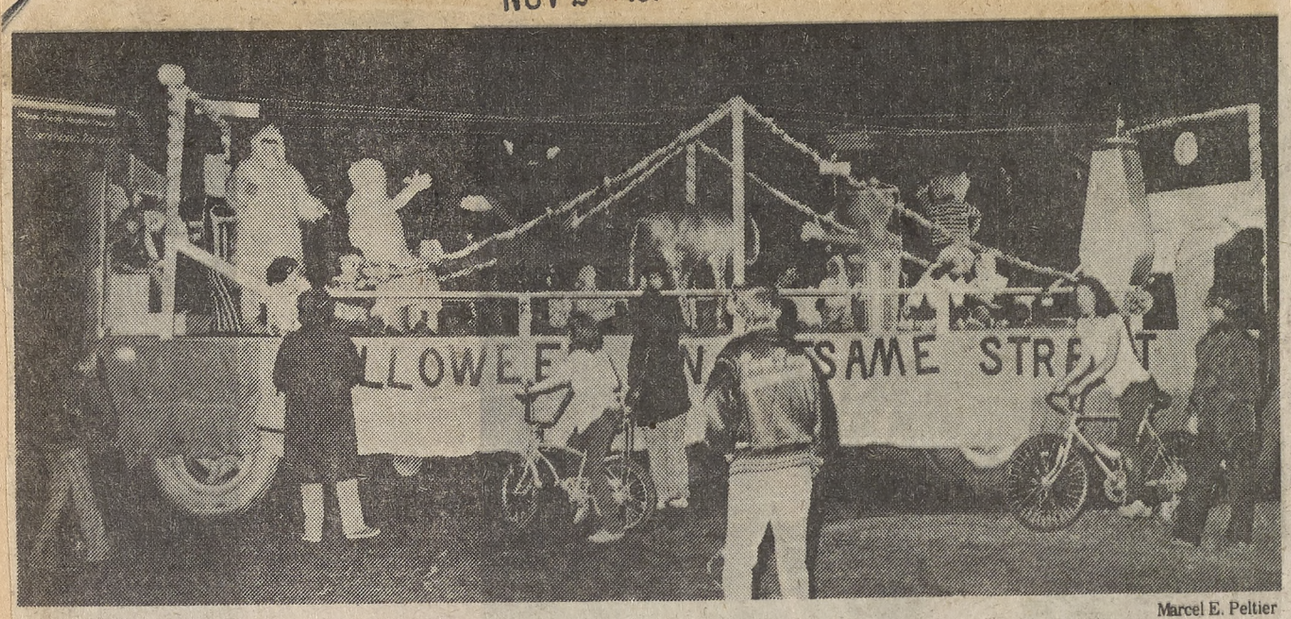


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An eerie merry-go-round

Witches rode brooms, not horses, on the merry-go-round atop the Egremont School float in Wednesday's Halloween Parade. The spooky ambiance was augmented by a booth at which "batburgers" and "witch's brew" were offered. The float was awarded first prize for floats constructed primarily by adults.

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Sesame Street on North Street

The Berkshire Pom Poms' float in this year's Halloween Parade presented the familiar characters of "Sesame Street," the popular educational program. The float took first prize among those built by young people.

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Christmas tree is sought for Park Square

A large Christmas tree is being sought by the Park Department for Park Square.

Department officials asked that anyone wishing to donate a tree, preferably a well-shaped spruce 40 to 45 feet high, contact the department. They said the department will remove the tree free of charge and will cut the stump six inches below grade.



Mark Mitchell

Turning on the tree

Patricia Mary Lefkowitz throws the master switch that turns on the lights of the Park Square Christmas tree and creche. The annual ceremony, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, occurred last night. Patricia, who is 5 years old, is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lefkowitz of 111 Allengate Ave., who gave this year's 40-foot tree to the city. Shown with Patricia is Mayor Evan S. Dobelle.

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3 arrested in scuffle at Wahconah Park

Police arrested two men and a boy after a scuffle in the Wahconah Park parking lot Monday night. One of the men had to be hospitalized.

To further compound the troubles of the injured man, Richard J. Barnes, 19, of 46 Worthington St., authorities here said today they would also hold him for being absent without leave from the Air Force.

Barnes was taken to Hillcrest Hospital from the police lockup when he complained of head pains.

He, Philip M. DeCarlo, 18, of 44 Worthington St. and a 13-year-old Pittsfield youth were all charged with disturbing the peace after the 9:30 p.m. incident.

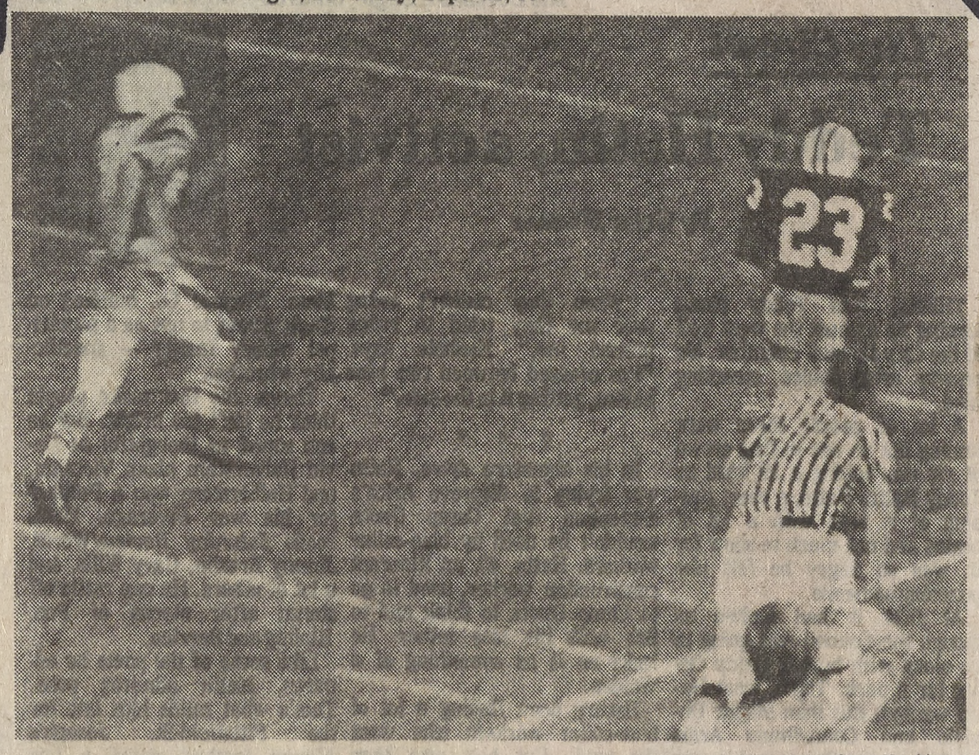
Police said that when they arrived a crowd of about 40 people were watching Barnes and the youth fight. After the two had been arrested, DeCarlo allegedly became abusive when the police officers told he he could not ride to the police station with the other two whom he claimed to know.

DeCarlo pleaded guilty in Pittsfield District Court this morning. Judge Frank W. Cimini fined him $25. The cases of the other two were continued to May 10.

According to information received by the local police from military authorities, Barnes is believed to have been absent from Griffiss Air Force Base in New York State since March 1.

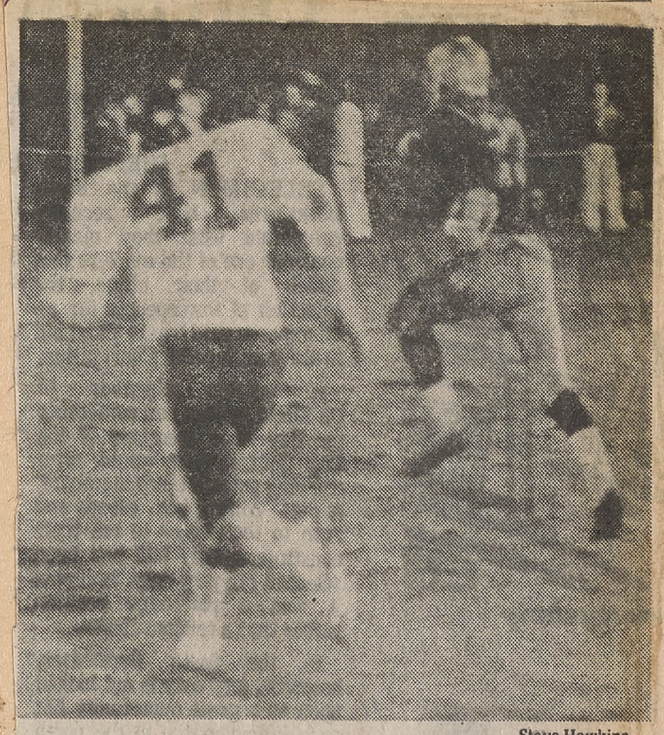
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Steve Hawkins

ON HIS WAY to his third touchdown of the game goes Pittsfield High back Peter Brown (23) in the third quarter of the Generals' 39-13 victory over Hudson High last night at Wahconah Park. Brown made the TD on a screen pass from Rick Pearce. The play went 37 yards. The win was the third for the unbeaten Generals.

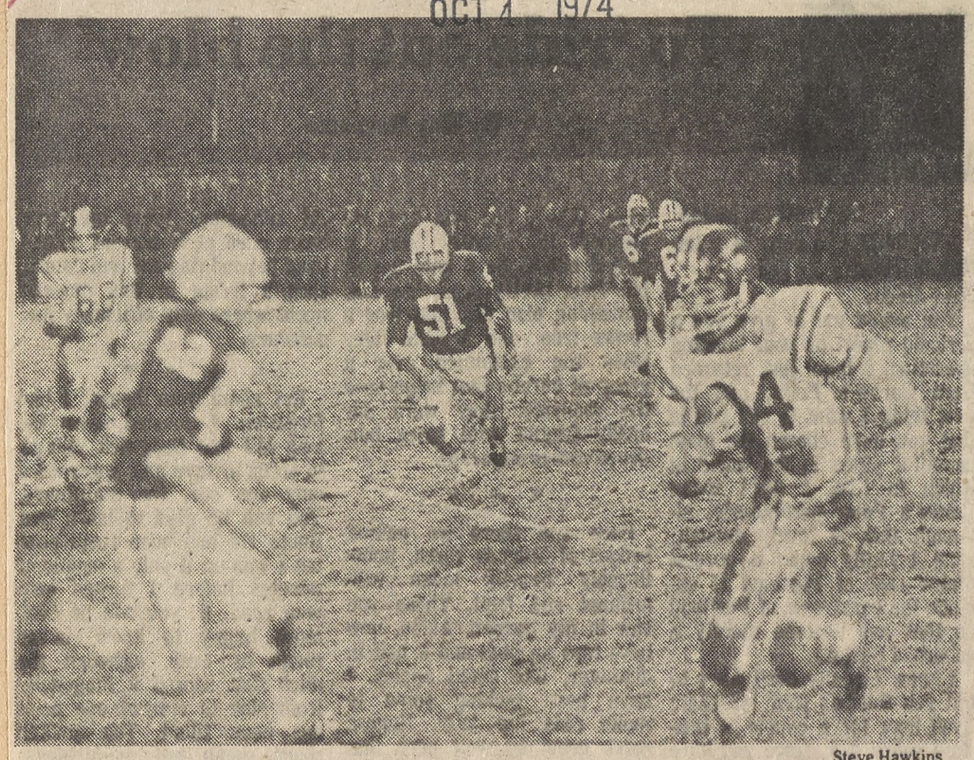


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TOUCHDOWN NUMBER TWO is coming up for Jack Quinn and St. Joseph's High in the Crusaders' victory over Monument Mountain last night at Wahconah Park as Quinn (23) heads for the end zone on a 39-yard run. In pursuit is Spartan Jeff Zucchi (41)

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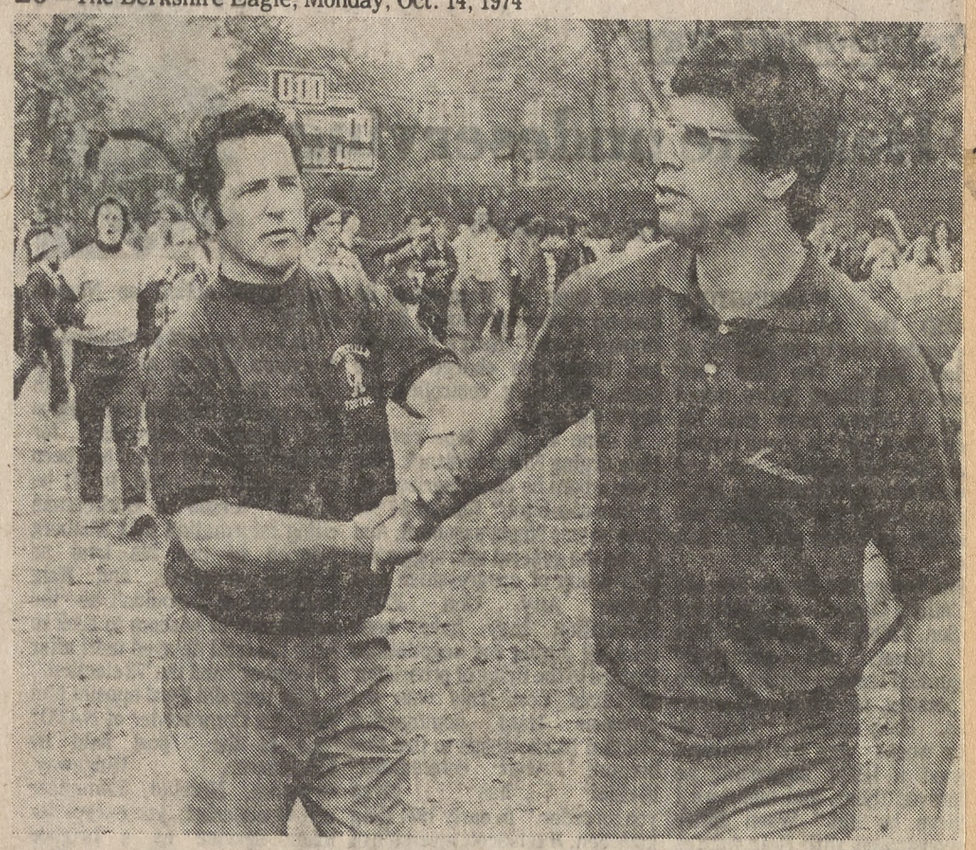
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SHORT YARDAGE is made by Drury's Gary Burdick (22) late in the first half of last night's Pittsfield High 34-24 win over the North Adams school at Wahconah Park. Coming up for Pittsfield is cornerback Jim Morgan (42). Coming from the rear is Dick Fields (51) of the Generals. Both teams entered the game unbeaten.

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Mark Mitchell

DISAPPOINTED COACHES Joe Gleason, left, of Pittsfield High and Dave Lucaroni of Taconic shake hands following the scoreless tie between their teams Saturday at Wahconah Park. Both mentors felt their squads had played well in the tough defensive battle. The schools remain unbeaten and Class A coleaders.



Mark Mitchell

HIGH IN THE AIR goes Taconic High safety man Dan Broderick (14) to bat away a pass from St. Joseph's halfback Jack Quinn (23) in the second half of Taconic's 26-0 victory Saturday at Wahconah Park. Also right on top of the play is Dave Petruzella (17) of the Braves. The win gives Taconic a 5-0-1 record. St. Joe's is 4-2.

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The new football field

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FAIR OR FOUL



By Roger O'Gara

WHERE DO YOU STAND on the booster clubs' attempt to obtain a new football field for the city's three high schools? Do you think it should be at Wahconah Park, which has been beset by wetness problems over the years, or should it be somewhere else?

Opinions have been expressed on this subject for years. Everyone has one, but until the schools became disturbed after the wettest September in 14 years, all of the irate talk was meaningless.

One night last week, the high schools had a meeting to discuss the topic. They found a committee to consider a solution. Presumably, it will report its findings at a date in the reasonably near future.

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THERE IS NO DOUBT that the city needs a first class outdoor athletic facility. That has been obvious for years. But every time someone mentions it out loud, he is attacked by an economy-minded watchdog, who pompously points out that the community needs five or six major things far more important than a stadium or athletic field.

Sports always has been a poor relation in Pittsfield. The civic leaders who are entrusted with the responsibilities of arranging for places to play actually have scorned competitive sports over the years. They don't know that Wahconah Park is a bad place after a heavy rain storm, because they never have been there after a deluge or at any other time, for that matter.

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VIN HEBERT, the parks and recreation superintendent who is the boss man in such matters, said he wasn't personally invited to the meeting on Wahconah improvement. He said he has had no talk with any of the booster club representatives, but he thinks one of them did approach a park commissioner.

He also added that he feels the intelligent thing would be to see whether improvements can be effected up there. He continued by noting that he believes Mayor Evan Dobelle is in favor of locating our base of athletic operations somewhere else in the city.

Hebert said there are many problems at Wahconah, not the least of which is the drainage. He views the headache as one for a qualified hydraulic engineer, a man who after thorough study can advise whether it would be wise or foolish to continue spending money at Wahconah. In addition to the condition of the playing field, he sees fencing and housing as major sources of trouble.

The lighting for a long time has been an item of trouble. Hebert said the concern has been finding men who are willing to climb the light poles to make necessary repairs.

Then, too, he says that the city fire truck must be driven into the park to serve as a base for climbing. However, before sending the big vehicle in there, you must first be sure that the field is dry enough to support it. "Otherwise, it will sink out of sight," Hebert warned

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HEBERT SAID he can speak of Wahconah's ailments only for the last 24 years. That's how long he has been here.

"I do know we have put in a tremendous amount of fill," he said. "We also have reconstructed the infield."

Wahconah Park has been the site of athletic competition since the 1890s. Baseball was played there then. The Common was the football surface during the early part of the 20th century. The first Pittsfield-St. Joseph's football game at Wahconah was in 1921.

When north-end residents dismantled the old grandstand for kindling wood early in the Depression, Wahconah took on a hang-dog look. It was improved in 1950, when the present grandstand was built by a commission.

In 1965, professional baseball returned with the beginning of the Eastern League franchise. That has continued for nine years, and presumably will be back next spring. Pro baseball hasn't complained formally about the park, although there have been mumblings of discontent.

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BACK in the alphabetical project days of the New Deal, many communities received stadia from the government.

These were much-needed projects, with the bulk of the money coming from Uncle Sam. But Pittsfield didn't get any. Cities were asked to suggest public works projects, and we came up with a honey, a boulevard in back of Onota Lake. Honestly, that was our project. It was abandoned several years ago.

For many years, as conditions at Wahconah worsened, Clapp Park became the great white hope. It looked like the setting for a stadium because it was a natural amphitheatre. But this was only in the minds of sports enthusiasts.

No project ever was put on paper at Clapp.

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NEXT IN LINE as a possibility is Brattlebrook Farm. Hebert said any major project there will necessitate a change in authority. He explained that the Conservation Commission now has jurisdiction over that vast acreage. That was the express stipulation when the city bought the land.

Hebert says that he already has plans there for Little League and Babe Ruth League diamonds, and soccer and softball fields. But the only thing specific down there now is a model airplane field, he admits.

Williams-Amherst contest set as bicentennial event

By Roger O'Gara

As part of Pittsfield's observance of the bicentennial, Williams and Amherst colleges will play a varsity baseball game at Wahconah Park Saturday afternoon, May 29, 1976. It will be a replay of the nation's first intercollegiate baseball contest here July 1, 1859.

The site and date were arranged yesterday afternoon at a luncheon meeting at the Stanley Club, where athletic directors Ben McCabe of Amherst and Bob Peck of Williams, varsity baseball coaches Bill Thurston of Amherst and Jim Briggs of Williams, bicentennial chairman John Mattoon, former mayor Robert Dillon and sports editor Roger O'Gara of The Eagle were present. Details of the contest were discussed.

Amherst won the first game played at the corner of Maplewood Avenue and First Street by the score of 73-32.

Thirteen-man teams from the two institutions dressed in uniforms of the time will meet in a one-hour preliminary game starting at 2 o'clock. After that, the varsity representatives will face each other in a regulation nine-inning game, beginning at 3:30.

Mattoon said he would notify baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn's office, the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., and the NCAA office in Kansas City, Mo., of plans for the games.

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Mrs. Murphy said grazed by snowmobile

Former Councilwoman Mary L. Murphy said she was walking in Wild Acres Saturday and was almost run over by a snowmibile operating illegally in the park.

In fact, she said, there were several of the machines driven into the park off South Mountain Road from the direction of the adjacent Pittsfield Municipal Airport.

"No one who wants to walk in peace and quiet can escape the damned things," she said in obvious anger. She added that her dog, a miniature poodle, may have been hit by one of the machines, for she had to take it to a veterinarian later in the day and found that it had a bruised spine.

The machines were driven so close to her and the dog, she said, that she fell down.

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Nando Delmolino

CLEANING HIS TROUT, unidentified fisherman lies atop Wild Acres dam, obeying warning sign above him not to stand on dam top. Two day derby attracted 773.

Youngsters catch 719 trout at Wild Acres fishing derby

By Theodore Giddings

Seconds after Mayor Evan S. Dobelle fired the pistol Saturday morning at 7 opening the children's annual spring fishing derby at Wild Acres pond, 12-year old Jeff Giacoletto of 556 South Mountain Road caught the first tagged trout. He selected a reel as his prize.

Jeff also caught a tagged trout Sunday to become the only double winner of the event. This time he picked a rod.

Although attendance Sunday was down because of the rain, the derby attracted 637 boys and 136 girls for a total of 773. They caught 719 trout, the boys 646 to 73 for the girls. Many creeled their limit of five, especially on Saturday when the weather was favorable.

Other winners

Other prizewinners were Brian Rowell, 62 Michael Drive, rod; Earl Pemble, 639 Hancock Road, tackle box; David Wheeler, 52 Revere Pkwy., reel; Vinny Monitto, 271 Columbus Ave., tackle box; Tini Cimini, 7 Maple St., reel; Debbie Pemble, 639 Hancock Road, tackle box; Lisa Simonetta, 17 Alden Ave., rod; and Patricia Venturini, 171 Lenox Ave., rod.

There were only two mishaps. One boy caught a hook in the forehead and was back fishing after having it removed. Another had a similar injury back of the ear.

The derby was under sponsorship of the Department of Parks and Recreation, Conservation Commission and City Pond Fish Committee. The committee headed by Edward Bailey stocked the pond with 1,800 brook, brown and rainbow trout 11 to 15 inches long. In addition, six outsizers of about two pounds each were dumped in the pond but none were caught.

This morning, senior citizens, 60 and older are trying their luck. But after 2 p.m. today only children may fish. Hours are 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Bailey and his grandson, Gary Tresatti, and Jerry Graziani of the fish committee have been living in the Wild Acres cabin and keeping an eye open for poachers.

Derby officials and assistants also included Supt. Vincent J. Hebert and Fred Garner of the Department of Parks and Recreation, Conservation Commission Chairman Franklin H. Controy Henry Daoust of the fish committee, Win Saville, district wildlife manager of the Division of Fisheries and Game, Alan L. McGroary of the Division of Law Enforcement, students from the environmental and ecology classes of Berkshire Community College, and members of the Pittsfield Sportsmen's Club.

Controy honored for Wild Acres role

Franklin H. Controy, chairman of the Pittsfield Conservation Commission, was given a plaque last night for dedication to resource conservation and for his role in the development of Wild Acres.

The plaque was given to Controy at the annual meeting of the governing council of the Berkshire-Franklin Resource, Conservation and Development Project at Hawley State Forest.

The presentation was made by Dr. William E. Randall, vice chairman.

Controy's "personal attention" and the cooperation of the Conservation Commission in the Wild Acres building program were cited by Randall. Sections of Wild Acres, a city-owned park and pond area off South Mountain Road, were dredged, drained, cleared and landscaped under an RC&D project in which federal funds underwrote part of the cost.

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Children's fishing derby this weekend

The annual children's fishing derby at Wild Acres Pond off South Mountain Road will be held Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Supt. Vincent J. Hebert of the Department of Parks and Recreation announced today.

The event, sponsored by the department in cooperation with the Conservation Commission and the city Pond Fish Committee, is open to boys and girls aged 6-14. Prizes will be awarded both days to the first three boys and first three girls who catch tagged fish.

Hebert said the rules require only one pole per fisherman, no pole to be left unattended on the bank and a limit of five trout per fisherman. In addition, each contestant must catch and keep his own fish.

Financed by a city appropriation, the city Pond Fish Committee is stocking the pond with 1,700 brook and rainbow trout, including six "whoppers."

State Division of Fisheries and Game personnel and Pittsfield Sportsmen's Club volunteers will assist derby officials.

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Seniors' fishing derby is scheduled Monday

This year's fishing derby for senior citizens will be Monday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wild Acres Pond on South Mountain Road. The derby, open to persons aged 60 years or over, is sponsored by the Conservation Commission and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Prizes will be awarded to the first three participants who catch tagged fish. Participants must have a fishing license and display it on an outer garment.

Following the derby Monday, Wild Acres Pond will be opened daily from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. for young persons aged six to 14 years. A limit of five fish per day has been set for the pond during the summer months.

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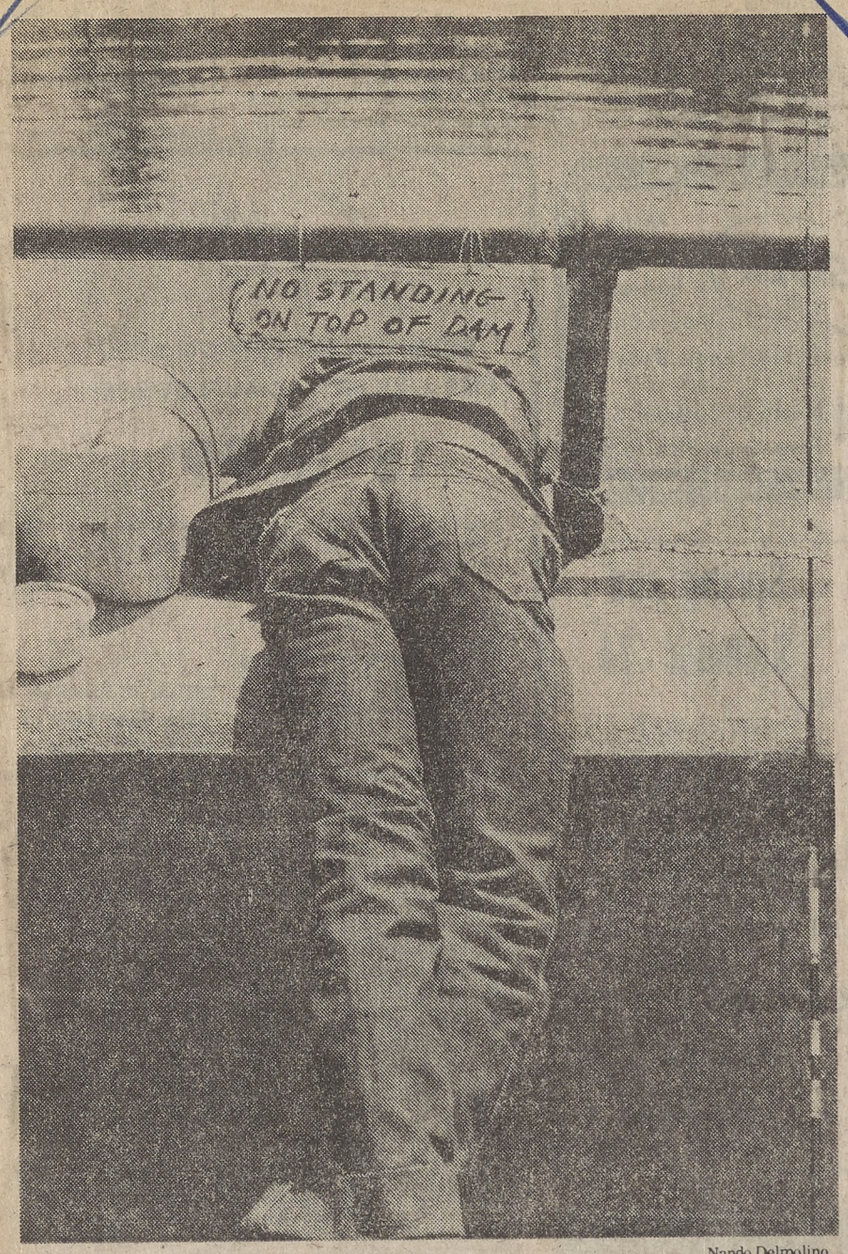
50 senior citizens catch 89 trout

Forty-six men and four women participated in the senior citizens' fishing derby Monday at Wild Acres pond. They caught 89 trout, only two by women.

Winners and their prizes for catching tagged trout were: John L. Rice, 15 Church St., reel; John Cianfarini, 1134 Holmes Road, Lenox, tackle box; William Allessio, Richmond Shores, Richmond, rod.

Oldest competitor was 82 and youngest 60.

The pond is now open to children, 6-14 years old, from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Supt. Vincent J. Hebert Department of the Parks and Recreation said that senior citizens may be given a chance to fish again later in the season.



Nando Delmolino

Prone to his task MAY 13 1974

This young man at annual Wild Acres fishing derby Saturday obeyed rules set forth on sign. Other boys and girls used same position at times in their quest for tagged trout. Story, other picture Page 1, Sec. 2.

Mayor signs design contract for project at Wild Acres

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Mayor Dobelle yesterday signed a $10,000 contract for design of new facilities planned at Wild Acres, the 70-acre wildlife and recreation area off South Mountain Road.

Other signers were Conservation Commission Chairman Franklin H. Controy and Airport Commission Chairman George Rowell.

Controy said the new facilities, which include an 1,800 - square - foot pavilion and 30-foot-high observation tower, will cost about $85,000.

Costs both of design and construction — a total of $95,000 — will be borne by a combination of revenue sharing funds, free cash and matching federal grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, he said.

Controy said construction can begin next spring and be finished during the summer.

Announcement of the project came yesterday afternoon at a news conference at City Hall.

The project will conclude the second stage of development at Wild Acres, acquired by the city in 1965 from the private Wild Acres-Walton Sanctuary, Inc.

The contract for design is with Robert B. Deloye, Inc., of Pittsfield, and, technically, is for "up to" $10,000 Dobelle said.

Besides the pavilion and observation tower, there will be a lavatory building, skaters' shelter, a 50-foot footbridge in front of the upper dam, sites for 10 picnic tables, a barbecue pit, a fish-cleaning pier, playground and a gravel walk beside the wildlife pond.

The observation tower will be erected some distance south of the end of the adjacent municipal airport runway, Controy said, and won't be in the way of airplanes.

Controy said $6,000 of the second-stage funds were spent earlier this year to install water pipes into the grounds from the main on South Mountain Road, and to clear some 6,000 feet of nature trails. Work on the trails was done by Neighborhood Youth Corps workers during the summer.

Before the $6,000 was spent, the city had $101,000 available for second-stage development, said Controy. The sum combined $31,000 in revenue sharing money, $35,000 from city surplus funds, and $35,000 in federal matching grants, obtained through the Berkshire-Franklin Resource Conservation and Development Project.

14th annual ice trials set for this weekend

The 14th annual automobile ice trials of the city's winter carnival will be held this weekend, Jan. 12 and 13 on Pontoosuc Lake. The event is cosponsored by the Berkshire Motor Sports Club and the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, at the Lakeview Restaurant on Route 7. The entry fee for both days is $6 or $3.50 for each day.

Competition will begin at 11:00 a.m. and continue until dark. If ice conditions are favorable, each entrant should be able to get in at least three runs each day. Cars will take their first runs Saturday morning in the order of their entry numbers. Each successive run will be by class.

The entries will be divided into four classes: front wheel drive; rear engine (mid engine); front engine, rear wheel drive; and modified. Depending on the ice conditions and the number and type of cars entering, additional classes may be formed. Classes will be duplicated for cars with studded tires. The class will not be reduced from the four mentioned.

Trophies will be awarded later to winners in each of the established classes. In consideration of the energy crisis, it should be noted that gas consumption will be minimal; each run should not take more than two minutes.

Chairmen for the ice trials are Bob Claffie of Dalton, David Hathaway of 27 Beverly St. and Clark Nicholls of 21 Beverly St. Further information is available from any of them.

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City notes

—The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Springside House, 874 North St. Committee officials said anyone interested in assisting with various carnival events is invited to attend.

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Mark Mitchell

TWO GUESTS at Friday night's kickoff dinner for the Pittsfield Winter Carnival queen contest were Deborah Coon, left, the Crosby Junior High 9th grader who designed this year's carnival button, and Karen M. Freeman, who was last year's carnival queen. Miss Coon is showing Miss Freeman a large copy of her winning button design. Eight entrants are vying to be the new queen.

Carnival kickoff event is tomorrow evening

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Contestants for Pittsifeld winter carnival queen and their mothers will be guests at the carnival kickoff dinner tomorrow at 6:15 p.m. at the Stanley Club. Mrs. William S. Pizzuto is contest chairman.

The event is under auspices of the Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

At the dinner, contestants will meet with committee members and receive their final briefing for the button sale to begin tomorrow evening and run through Feb. 1. Each contestant must sell a minimum of 1,000 buttons to qualify for the final judging at the winter carnival ball Friday, Feb. 8.

Money raised from the button sale is used to finance events conducted as part of the carnival.

Assisting Mrs. Pizzuto are Mrs. Lucia Lizotte and Mrs. Charles R. Gattuso, assistant chairmen; Mrs. Carl E. Peaselee, Miss Dolores A. Lancia and Mrs. Linda Durkin. Miss Andrea G. Snell, Park Department recreation supervisor, will handle publicity.

Entry blanks available for skating meet

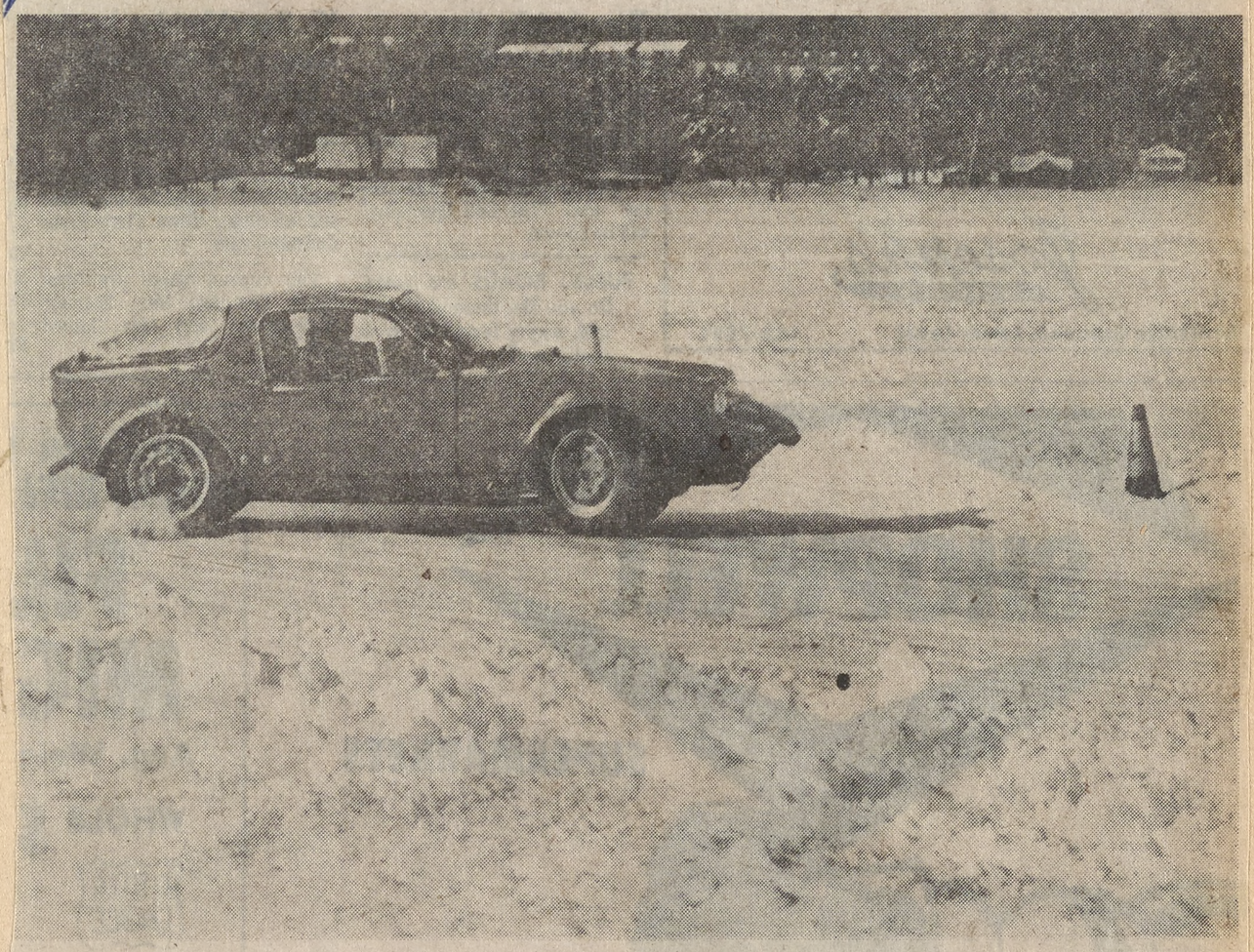
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Entry blanks are available for the City Skating Meet which will be Jan. 22 at the Boys' Club. It will be sponsored by Parks Department's Winter Sports Committee as part of the 29th annual Winter Carnival. Raymond A. Hospot is chairman.

The city meet is open to boys and girls through age 17. Members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club are not allowed to compete. There is no entry fee.

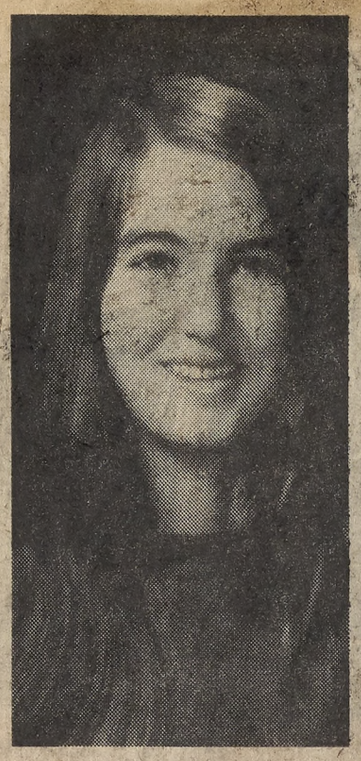
Entry blanks can be obtained at the Parks Department office. The deadline is Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 1 p.m.

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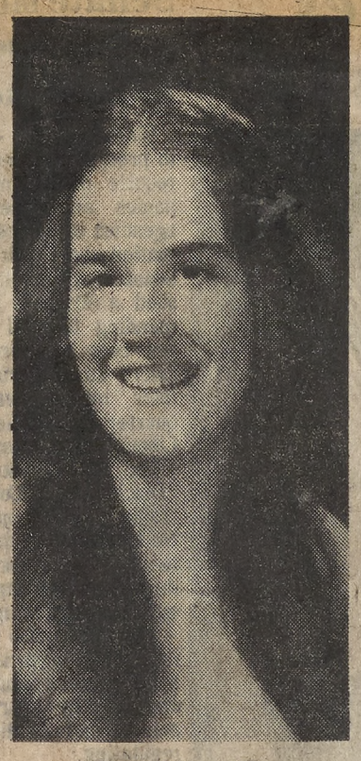
FASTEST front-wheel drive vehicle in the Berkshire Motor Sports Club Ice Trials on Pontoosuc Lake was clocked by this Saab driven by Butch Sciarra of Pittsfield. The Pittsfield Winter Carnival event was held Saturday and Sunday. Harold Cameron of Albany, N.Y., at 1 minute, 38.57 seconds for 2 miles, clocked the fastest time of any entrant, driving a Saab with a Buick engine in the modified class.



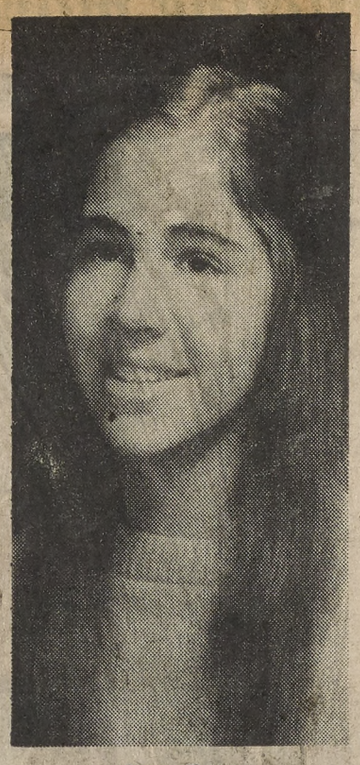
Susan Sykes



Linda Rocklin



Pamela Bertoldi



Laura Torra



Patricia Fillio



Candice Eksuzian



Frances DiNicola



Photos by Paul Rocheleau

Tina Bigelow

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Winter carnival queen contestants are introduced at kickoff dinner

Eight contestants for the annual winter carnival queen contest were announced at the kickoff dinner last evening at the Stanley Club.

The contestants and their mothers were guests of the winter sports committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation, sponsors of the event.

Contestants are:

Pamela M. Bertoldi, 16, is one of nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Bertoldi of 281 Linden St. A junior at Taconic High School, she hopes to attend college and major in special education. She has worked in the shoe department of the Big N and at the GE naval plant representative office, her sponsor. She is a member of the PHS pep club, girls athletic association, student government and radio club. She was a Miss Massachusetts Teen-Age contestant and belongs to a folk group at her church.

Tina M. Bigelow, 17, is one of 12 children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Bigelow Jr. of 126 Daniels Ave. She is a junior at Taconic High School who hopes to attend college and become an instructor for the mentally retarded. Tina works after school as a secretary in the probation office. She is being sponsored by Robert H. Melle, probation officer.

Frances E. DiNicola, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio DiNicola of 164 Elm St. She is a junior at Pittsfield High School and hopes to attend Berkshire Community College and become a secretary. A member of the Itam Junior Lodge, Sons of Italy, her sponsors, she was the chairman of the junior lodge charity ball.

Candice M. Eksuzian, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Eksuzian of 306 Hancock Road. A senior at Taconic High School, she plans a career in cytotechnology (working in a hospital laboratory). Candice is a member of the Zion Evangelical Senior Luther League and the Itam Junior Lodge, Sons of Italy. She is being sponsored by the Itam Senior Lodge.

Patricia M. Fillio, 17, is the daughter of Richard E. Fillio of 418 Cloverdale St. She is a senior at Taconic High School and hopes to be a model, hair dresser or stewardess. She is being sponsored by Superior Guard Service, Inc.

Linda M. Rocklin, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Rocklin of 45 Longview Ter. Linda is a senior at Pittsfield High School who would like to work in a bank after graduation. She now is a cashier at the Price Chopper. Linda belongs to the girls athletic association, Pep club, tutor aide program, special events committee and high school ring committee. She is being sponsored by O'Connell Cadillac & Oldsmobile Inc.

Susan E. Sykes, 17, is one of nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Sime of Cascade Street. Susan, daughter also of the late David Sykes, is a senior at Taconic High school who hopes to attend college and study early childhood education or desiging. She belongs to her church fellowship, Pep club, girls athletic association, yearbook staff and class ring committee. She won a regional sewing contest through the Singer Sewing Co. in 1972. Susan is being sponsored by Knud's Pool Service.

Laura A. Torra, 16, is one of seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick C. Torra of 55 Lowden St. She is a senior at Pittsfield High School who plans to take a liberal arts program in college. Laura is a member of the girls athletic association, Pep club, senior class play, horizon club and Junior Achievement. She also has worked at Pittsfield General Hospital as an IV therapy aide. Laura is being sponsored by the PHS student council.

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Officials are listed for meet

Officials for the Berkshire Hills Outdoor speed skating championships have been announced by Mrs. Carl E. Peaslee, chair woman of the event which is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday on Pontoosuc Lake.

They are: Registrars — Mrs. Peaslee, Mrs. Mary T. Smith and Miss Andrea Snell of Pittsfield; clerks of course, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Ryan, Pittsfield; scorers, Mrs. Peaslee, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. David Roche, Richmond Hill, N.Y., Mrs. Charles Ambrosetti, Newburgh, N.Y. and Mrs. Eugene Tedaldi, South Salem, N.Y. Referees, John Byrne, Syracuse, N.Y., William Cooney, Bronx, N.Y., and Mrs. Mary Novak Sand, Stratford, Conn. Judges, Carl Peaslee, Vincent Hebert and Robert Deloye, Pittsfield, Frank Dick, Utica, N.Y., E. Barnes Dunlap, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Walter Gavry, Fort Johnson, N.Y., James Moore, Syracuse, N.Y., Mrs. Thomas Patnode, Lake Placid, N.Y., Frank Paciariello, Wading River, N.Y., William Hughes, Bronx, N.Y., John Egan, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Mrs. Leslie Moore, Flushing, N.Y. Timers, Mrs. Hazel Spencer, Mrs. Betty Purdy, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Mrs. Walter Gavry, Fort Johnson, Mrs. Richard O'Brien, Ballston Spa, N.Y., Melburn Bruso, Raybrook, N.Y., Charles Ambrosetti, Newburgh, N.Y., Mrs. John Egan, Brooklyn, N.Y. and Dr. Eugene Tedaldi, South Salem, N.Y. Announcer, Alan Eccleston, Round Lalke, N.Y. Starters, Philip Jankiewicz, Yorkville, N.Y., and David Roches, Richmond Hill, N.Y.

Local residents assisting: medals awards, Mrs. Robert Deloye and William Drummond; trophy awards, Karen Freeman, 1973 Winter Carnival Queen; results, Mrs. Lucia Lizotte; first aid, Dr. Irving I. Rubin, and the Berkshire Ambulance Service; properties, John Marchesi.

The races are sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation as part of their 29th Annual Winter Carnival. Races will start on Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Blanks available for skating meet

Entry blanks are still available for the city skating meet, according to Raymond A. Hospot, chairman. The races will be held Tuesday at the Boys' Club rink.

Deadline for filing entries is 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Participants must check in Tuesday between 6:30 and 7 p.m. at the club rink. No late entries will be accepted, Hospot said.

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Carnival ball-tickets out

Tickets are available for the annual winter carnival ball, Mrs. William S. Pizzuto, chairman of the carnival queen contest, announced today. The ball will be Friday, Feb. 8, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Itam Lodge.

Individual tickets may be purchased, and table reservations made by calling Mrs. Carl E. Peaslee at the Department of Parks and Recreation office.

Cameron "fastest" in annual BMSC Ice Trials

JAN 15 1974

Harold Cameron of Albany captured fastest time of day both Saturday and Sunday at the 14th annual Ice Trials on Pontoosuc Lake.

Thirty-two cars entered Saturday's trials with the number increasing to 36 on Sunday. Cameron's fastest time on Saturday was 1:32:47; conditions were slipprier on Sunday and his Buick Saab, time was 1:38:32. Cameron competed in Class A with two other entrants.

Saturday's winners and their classes were:

Class B: Ribello 'Butch' Sciarra in a Saab.

Class B studded tires: Michael Fredericks Jr. of Craryville, N.Y. in a Mini Cooper.

Class C: first, second and third respectively to Roger Sloper in a Volkswagen, Dan Minnecl of Dalton in a Porsche 914, and David Akin of Richmond in a Volkswagen.

Class C studded tires: Robert Claffie of Dalton in a Corvair Monza.

Class D: first, second and third respectively; to Howard Drake in a Barracuda; David Kidd of Lenox in a Chevrolet Corvette; and D.C. Justus of Castleton, N.Y., in a Buick.

Class D studded tires: Clark Nicholls in a Ford Falcon wagon.

Class F: Steve Richards in an International Travelall.

Sunday's winners and their classes were —

Class B: first place to Ribello "Butch" Sciarra in a Saab, second place to Ron Bedard of Cheshire in a Honda Civic.

Class C: Michael Trettler of Kinderhook N.Y., in a Corvair; Roger Sloper in a Volkswagen; and Michael Morrissey of Rensselaer, N.Y., in a Corvair; first, second and third respectively.

Class C studded tires: Robert Claffie of Dalton in a Corvair Monza.

Class D: first, second and third, respectively, to D.C. Justus of Castleton, N.Y., in a Buick; David Kidd of Lenox in a Chevrolet Corvette; and David Gamwell of Dalton in a Toyota Celica.

Class D studded tires: Clark Nicholls in a Ford Falcon wagon; Alton Nicholls in a Ford Falcon wagon; and Charles Wichmann of Lenox in a Mercury Comet; first, second, and third respectively.

Class F: Steve Richards in an International Travelall.

150 entered already for Outdoor

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One-hundred and fifty entries had been received as of yesterday for the Berkshire Hills Outdoor speed skating championships scheduled for this weekend on Pontoosuc Lake in fornt of the Itam Lodge. At least 25 more entries are expected. Entries have been received from skaters throughout Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland and Virginia.

Many of last week's champions in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., will be competing. They are: Bob Fischer, Hollis, N.Y., in the senior men's class; Aldrena Croal, New Milford, Conn., senior women; Drew Hayes, Buachanan, N.Y., and Mary Moore, Syracuse, N.Y., in the intermediate class; Kim Sheeran, West Orange, N.J., junior girls' class; Matt Moore and Gretchen Byrne both of Syracuse, N.Y., in the juvenile class; David Sand, Stratford, Conn., midget class; Suzanne Rosse, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., pony girl class; and John Sand, Stratford, Conn., and Noelle Wood of Lake Placid, N.Y., in the peewee class. Pittsfield's Joanne Farry is expected to be in contention for the senior women's title here. She has been ill for the past two weeks and has not competed.

The peewee class should be the division to watch. These youngsters, all under eight years of age, are drawing a big field. The youngest is four years of age.

Starting time Saturday is 1 p.m. and Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Ski events set Jan. 27

Nordic Open to be in State Forest

JAN 19 1974

The sixth annual Open Nordic-combined ski championships will be Sunday, Jan. 27 in Pittsfield State Forest, chairman John J. Unwin announced today. Applications are available at the Park Department offices at 874 North St., and at Besse - Clarke's, Bonny Ski 'N Sport, Dick Moon's and Pittsfield Sporting Goods.

The Nordic consists of two separate events. Cross-country will be in the morning and jumping events in the afternoon. Competition will be divided into seven levels according to age: veterans; 21-25; 18-20; 16-17; 14-15; 12-13; and 11 and under.

Deadline for submitting entries is Saturday, Jan. 26. Late entries will be accepted until a half-hour before the event, but latecomers will have to compete last.

Lanigan racing here this weekend

Senior man two-time member of Olympic team

JAN 18 1974

Two-time Olympic team member Bill Lanigan has entered the senior men's class in this weekend's Berkshire Hills Outdoor Speed Skating Championships sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Lanigan was a member of the 1968 and 1972 olympic speed skating teams. Last year he was a member of the World's Speed Skating team and won a gold medal in the 500 meter. He was also on the world's team in 1966 1969, 1970 and 1971. In his 11 years of skating he has won 16 national championships.

Lanigan is employed by Exxon as director of its physical fitness training program for executives. Lanigan married the former Chris Lind of Chicago, Ill. this past summer. Chris is a well-known speed skater.

Tomorrow's skating program will begin with welcoming addresses by Mayor Evan S. Dobelle, Charles D. Gilson, member of the Park Commission and Robert E. Cartier, chairman of the Winter Sports Committee.

The final race on Sunday will be the five-mile Exchange Club's Francis E. Douglas Memorial Race. Douglas was a past president of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club and Northern New York Skating Association as well as a long-time member of the Exchange Club.

Fireworks display set next Saturday

Herbert M. Jones, chairman of the annual fireworks display featured as part of the 29th annual Winter Carnival sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee, said today the fireworks are scheduled for Saturday evening, Jan. 26 at Bousquet's ski area.

Preceding the fireworks will be a torchlight parade at 7 p.m. followed by a skiing demonstration at 7:15 and the fireworks themselves at 7:45. The fireworks should be visible not only at the ski area but from many vantage points throughout the city.

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10 entered in Hills ice races

Ten members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club have entered the Berkshire Hills Outdoor Speed Skating Championships starting this afternoon on Pontoosuc Lake. Entered are Joanne Farry, intermediate girls; Tracy Hospot, midget girls; Arnold Franz, pee wee boys; Michael Brennan and John Miraglia, midget boy boys; Kurt Hospot, juvenile boys; Dan Miraglia, junior boys; Bruce Flocken, intermediate boys, George Betti and Dave Izzo, senior men.

The meet is sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee and the Department of Parks and Recreation and is sanctioned by the Northern New York Skating Association.

Races start at 1 p.m. today in front of Itam Lodge. Tomorrow's races will start at 11:30 a.m.

JAN 19 1974

Ice derby scheduled for Sunday

JAN 21 1974

James H. Frank, chairman of the ice-fishing derby which is conducted as part of the Pittsfield Winter Carnival, has announced that the derby will be held next Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration headquarters for the event will be the Lakeview Restaurant. All contestants must register, Frank said.

There will be four divisions for participants — men, women, boys and girls — and first and second place awards will be given in each division for the largest and longest fish. The prize category for the most fish caught is being eliminated this year. Frank said children under 18 years of age may enter the derby free, but a slight registration fee will be charged to adult participants.

JAN 22 1974



Mark Mitchell

EAGLE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD is presented to Tom Knapik, center, at Berkshire Hills speed skating meet Saturday at Pontoosuc Lake. Also shown are Mrs. Pat Peaslee, meet chairman, left, and Miss Karen M. Freeman, who was last year's Pittsfield Winter Carnival queen.

Nordic ski meet at State Forest is postponed

The sixth open Nordic ski meet scheduled for Sunday at Pittsfield State Forest has been postponed, chairman John Unwin announced today, because of poor conditions at the jumping area. The rain and warm weather this week have washed away a great deal of the snow cover in this area making the conditions very poor for jumping.

The event will be rescheduled at a later date which will be announced shortly. The Nordic ski meet is one of the events of the 29th annual Winter Carnival sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

JAN 25 1974

Schedule given for tonight's fireworks

JAN 26 1974

Details of the fireworks program tonight at Bousquet's ski area were announced today by Herbert M. Jones, chairman of the Pittsfield Winter Carnival event.

The schedule will begin with a torchlight parade by members of Bousquet's ski patrol, demonstration teams and the racing team. Following the parade will be a 10-minute dual slalom featuring the members of the Bousquet racing team, who are youngsters through 15 years of age. Next will be a free-style skiing demonstration featuring skiing professionals Jon Mahanna and Ellen and Marion Post and members of the Bousquet demonstration team. The free-style demonstration will consist of stunt ballet and jumping. Narrating the demonstration for Bousquet's will be Allan W. Cassidy.

Starting time for the program will be 7, with the fireworks themselves scheduled for approximately 7:45. The public is invited.

Participants in fish derby must register

Persons planning to participate in tomorrow's annual ice-fishing derby are required to register by 1 p.m. at the Lakeview Restaurant at 1653 North St., according to James H. Frank, chairman.

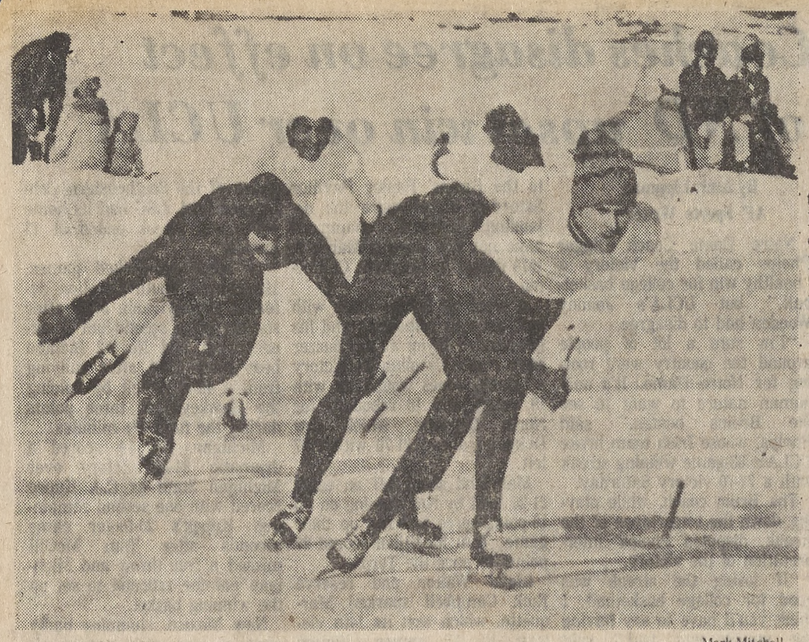
Frank said registration is free for children through age 18 with a nominal registration fee being charged for all those over 18.

The ice-fishing derby will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Pontoosuc Lake. It is sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation as part of the annual winter carnival.

Cooperating with the Winter Sports Committee on this event are members of the Streamline Anglers, Pittsfield Sportsmen's Club, Lakewood Sportsmen's Club and the state division of fisheries and Game.

Participants in the fishing derby were reminded by Frank that they must display their fishing licenses on their outer garments.

JAN 26 1974



Mark Mitchell

LEADING 5-MILE RACE is former Olympic star Bill Lanigan, winner of men's senior division championship in Berkshire Hills meet here over weekend.

Arnold Franz only Pittsfield entrant to win in Berkshire Hills outdoor meet

By Jan Tavalin

SPORTS

A new star has appeared on the horizon for the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club. Seven-year-old Arnold Franz, appearing in his first sanctioned meet, took home the first-place trophy in the pee wee boys division of the Berkshire Hills outdoor speed skating championships, at Pontoosuc Lake over the weekend.

Franz, a second-grader at Crane Elementary School, swept first-place honors in the 55,110 and 220 yard and 1/6 mile competition, winning two of the races in a breeze. He was one of eight to sweep first-place honors in the 14 divisions, and the only one of 10 Pittsfield entrants to finish higher than third in any of the races, aside from a few first and second place finishes in the qualifying heats.

Flocken 3rd

Bruce Flocken, competing in the intermediate boys' division, had third-place finishes in the 440,880 and 1/6 mile and 2 mile for the local team, and finished 4th in the mile race. Juvenile Boy Kurt Hospot of Lanesboro finished third in the 220, 440 and 880 while midget boy John Miraglia of Pittsfield, finished 4th in the 220, 440 and 1/6 mile in his division.

Other representatives of the Pittsfield club included Joanne Farry, Tracy Hospot, Dan Miraglia, Michael Brennan, Dave Izzo and George Betti who finished out of the running. Miss Farry, competing in the senior women's division for the first time, appeared to be over her head. Tracy Hospot, attempting a comeback after staying out of competition in 1972, was also outclassed. Midget boy Michael Brennan is in his first year of organized competition, while Izzo and Betti competed in a tougn senior men's division, which included Olympic veterans Bill Lanigan and Arnold Uhrlass and finsihed well behind the leaders.

Lanigan, a gold medalist of a couple years back, was definitely the class of the event. A resident of Rego Park, N.Y., he swept all six of his divisional races, coming on strong in the final two laps of the five-mile event to capture the Francis E. Douglas memorial trophy. Uhrlass, from Melville, N.Y., had led most of the way during the five-mile event. He finished second, and also took runner-up honors in the one mile and had a fourth-place finish in the 880. Mike McDonald of Utica gave Lanigan his biggest scare. McDonald staged a magnificent rally down the stretch in Saturday's two-mile event, and barely missed catching Lanigan at the finish. He later added runner-up honors in the 1/6 mile and had three third-place finishes.

Close competition

The senior women saw the tightest all-round competition, with four different winners in five races. Aldrena Croal of New Milford, Conn., won the divisional trophy with one first, three seconds and a third-place finish. Ellen Williams of Bloomfield, N.J., had two first-place finishes, Leslie Moore of Flushing, N.Y., one first and one second and Donna Miller of Utica, N.Y., one first, two thirds and one fourth.

Drew Hayes of Buchanan, N.Y., took the intermediate boys with first place honors in four of the five races. He was runner-up to John Lovell of Forest Hills, N.Y., in the mile. Lovell also had two second places and a fourth-place finish. Flocken saved his best performance for Sunday's two-mile competition. The Pittsfield skater took the lead midway through the race, lost it to Hayes with less than two laps to go, then slipped to third down the stretch.

Mary Moore of Syracuse, N.Y. swept the four intermediate girls events. Anne Ahrendtsen of New Hartford, N.Y., had three second place finishes, but was forced to withdraw from the ¾-mile following a bad spill. She apparently escaped with minor bruises.

Bob Tedaldi of South Salem, N.Y. swept all five races in the junior boys competition, and looked very impressive in the mile event, finishing way ahead of the pack. Tom Knapik of Ballston Spa, N.Y. was second in each.

Kim Sheeran of West Orange, N.Y., won the junior girls' trophy, finishing first in three of four races. She was second to Patty Jewtraw of Lake Placid in the 880. Patty also had two second-place and one third-place finish.

Pair of sweeps

Matt Moore and Gretchen Byrne, both of Syracuse, swept the juvenile divisions. Debbie Finn of New York City took second-place honors in all four girls' races, Ken Riva of Yonkers in the four boys' races.

Dave Sand of Stratford, Conn., took the midget boys' trophy winning three of four events and finishing second to Greg Granahan in the ⅓-mile. Bobby Ambrose, also of Stratford, had three second and one third-place finishes. Ann Glaser of Easton, Conn., took the midget girls' trophy in a three-way battle with Jean Ahrendson of New Hartford and Shelley Warren of Utica. Miss Glaser won the ⅓ mile, finished second twice and third once. Miss Ahrendtsen, who had first and second - place finishes Saturday, had apparently won the trophy with a victory in Sunday's ⅓ mile, but was disqualified for drifting. Miss Warren won the 440, had two thirds and one fourth - place finish. Claire Tedaldi of South Salem won the 1/6th mile and finished fourth in the 440.

Jeff Stratmeyer of Baltimore swept honors in the pony boys. Suzanne Rosse of Saratoga Springs won three of the four pony girls' events, to win the trophy. Lorri Ambrose of Stratford, Conn., finished first in the 1/6th mile and third in the 440.

Steve Mainville of Simsbury, Conn., gave Franz his strongest competition in the pee wee boys, finishing second to Franz in three of the four races. He also had a fourth - place finish. Noelle Wood of Lake Placid won the girls' trophy with a sweep of all four races.

In the 55-yard event, Miss Wood tied her Northern New York Skating Association record of 8.4 seconds. She had set the record the previous weekend at Lake Placid. It was the only record set on the otherwise slow track, which apparently showed the effects of Friday night's ice storm.

The Berkshire Eagle sportsmanship trophy went to Tom Knapik of Ballston Spa, N.Y.

Start delayed

The races, scheduled to begin Saturday at 1 p.m. were delayed almost two hours to await the arrival of participants from the New York City area. Roads in southeast New York were especially treacherous, due to the ice storm. Several members of the Baltimore team also had trouble reaching the Berkshires. Senior men's contestant Bob Phillips was involved in a skidding accident near Kingston, but arrived in time to finish third in Saturday's two - mile event.

Opening remarks were presented by Mrs. Carl (Pat) Peaslee, chairwoman of the event, Mayor Evan Dobelle and Park Commission chairman Charles Gilson. There was a moment of silence for the recently deceased Francis Douglas, who served as chairman of the winter sports committee.

Although Saturday's attendance was undoubtedly held down by the weather and rumors that the event had been postponed, close to 100 spectators lined the lakefront for Sunday's races.



Mark Mitchell

PEEWEE CHAMP is Pittsfield's Arnold Franz only city skater to win a class title over weekend in Berkshire Hills championship meet.

PRESS BOX POPSICLES: Franz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Franz of Crane Avenue. Both Mr. and Mrs. Franz have been active in figure skating in past years . . . Gilson's term on the Park Commission expires shortly, and he is undecided as to whether he would accept reappointment. Gilson is retired, and is considering spending more time outside the Berkshires . . . The crowd was unusually quiet, possibly due to the disappointing showing by the local team . . . The races are one of the two original events of the Pittsfield Winter Carnival. The other was the Berkshire Interscholastic Ski Meet . . . The event went quite smoothly, thanks to the able direction of Pat Peaslee. The facilities provided by the Sons of Italy at the Itam Lodge proved more than adequate. Parks Supt. Vincent Hebert and recreation director John Marchesi provided refreshments for the officials.



Paul Rocheleau

WINNERS of high-point trophies in the annual city skating meet Tuesday night at the Boys' Club pose with Miss Karen Freeman, last year's winter carnival queen, left rear, and meet chairman Raymond Hospot, right rear. The nine, from left, front, are Tom Curry, Daniel Miclette, Maureen Kelly, Susan Kordana and Karen Homa, and rear, Brian Rowell, Peter Connors, Charlene Homa and Mike Tornicelli.

37 youngsters skate in city meet

A field of 37 entrants participated in the annual city skating meet Tuesday night at the Boys' Club.

The city skating meet was one of the events of the 29th annual winter carnival sponsored by the Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Raymond Hospot was chairman.

Awards were presented to the first three finishers in each event, and trophies presented to the high-point finishers in each division. Ribbon winners and their events were:

Peewee boys, 55 yards: 1. Paul Curry, 2. Daniel Miclette, 3. Terry Prendergast, 4. Erick Plouffe.

Peewee Girls, 55 yards: 1. Maureen Kelly, 2. Sheila Connors.

Pony girls, 110 yards: 1. Susan Kordana, 2. Karen Bartow, 3. Katie Connors, 4. Margaret Kelly.

Pony boys, 110 yards: 1. Tom Curry, 2. Paul Forcier, 3. Jeff Levesque, 4. David Galt.

Peewee boys, 110 yards: 1. Daniel Miclette, 2. Terry Prendergast, 3. Eric Plouffe, 4. Paul Curry.

Midget boys, 220 yards: 1. Peter Connors, 2. Dennis Kelly, 3. Leon Goguen, 4. Jody Curry.

Intermediate boys, 440 yards: 1. Mike Tornicelli, 1. Chester Johnston.

Peewee girls, 110 yards: 1. Maureen Kelly, 2. Sheila Connors.

Juvenile boys, 330 yards: 1. Brian Rowell, 2. John Kelly, 3. Daniel Forcier, 4. Jon Papa.

Juvenile girls, 330 yards: 1. Karen Homa, 2. Darlene Tornicelli, 3. Marie-Ellen Curry, 4. Joyce Galt.

Pony boys, 220 yards: 1. Tom Curry, 2. Paul Forcier, 3. Jeff Levesque, 4. David Galt.

Pony girls, 220 yards: 1. Susan Kordana, 2. Katie Connors, 3. Karen Bartow, 4. Margaret Kelly.

Midget girls, 220 yards: 1. Charlene Homa, 2. Regina Fallon, 3. Ann Marie Klangos.

Intermediate boys, 660 yards: 1. Mike Tornicelli, 2. Chester Johnston.

Juvenile girls, 440 yards: 1. Karen Homa, 2. Joyce Galt, 3. Marie-Ellen Curry, 4. Darlene Tornicelli.

Juvenile boys, 440 yards: 1. Brian Rowell, 2. John Kelly, 3. Daniel Forcier, 4. Jon Papa.

Midget girls, 330 yards: 1. Charlene Homa, 2. Regina Fallon, 3. Ann Marie Klangos.

Midget boys, 330 yards: 1. Peter Connors, 2. Dennis Kelly, 3. Jody Curry, 4. Leon Goguen.

High-point trophies were presented to the following:

Juvenile girls, Karen Homa; midget girls, Charlene Homa; pony girls, Susan Kordana, and peewee girls, Maureen Kelly.

Also, intermediate boys, Mike Tornicelli; juvenile boys, Brian Rowell; midget boys, Peter Connors; pony boys, Tom Curry; peewee boys, Daniel Miclette.

Officials assisting Hospot were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peaslee, Mrs. Mary Smith, Miss Andrea G. Snell, John C. Marchesi, James Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Jones.

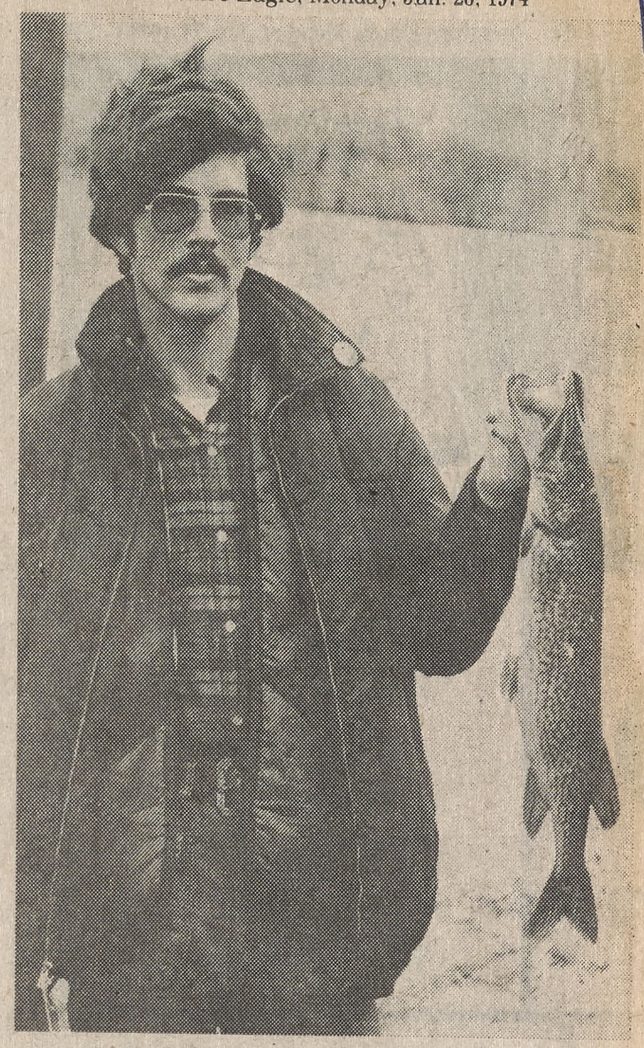
Also, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ryan, Alex Goguen, Albert Solera, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Deloye, Vincent J. Hebert, Roger Sloper, David Izzo, Kurt Hospot, Tracy Hospot, Kathy Brown and Jimmy Brown.

Easy Pieces will play at carnival ball

"Five Easy Pieces Plus One," local band will play at the winter carnival ball sponsored by the Park Department's Winter Sports Committee. The ball will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at Itam Lodge.

Table reservations still are available, according to Mrs. William S. Pizzuto, chairman. Reservations and tickets may be obtained by calling Mrs. Carl E. Peaslee at the Park Department office.

JAN 28 1974



Mark Mitchell

PROUD ANGLER, Patrick M. Calautti, displays the 4½-pound pickerel that won honors as the largest fish caught in the Winter Carnival derby.

Biggest fish in derby is 4½-pound pickerel

Although the 29th annual winter carnival ice-fishing derby at Pontoosuc Lake Sunday wasn't one of the best, it certainly was for Patrick M. Calautti, 21, of 339 Fenn St.

Calautti caught 21 yellow perch, a one-pound largemouth bass and a 26½-inch, 4-pound, 8-ounce pickerel. The lunker was not only the largest fish caught in the men's division but also in the derby.

A GE worker, Calautti is not new to derby competition. When he was 15, he took top prize for longest fish in the boys' division with a 20¾-inch brown trout. Both the trout and the pickerel were caught on a tip-up baited with a shiner.

Other winners

Walter Sayers, 68 April Lane, was the only winner in the men's division with a 14-inch brown trout.

Only winner in the women's division was Mrs. Jo Ann Lamon, 75 Howard St. She caught a 8¾-inch calico bass.

Kim Zullo, 11, of 150 Fort Hill Ave., won the girls' division with a 1-pound, 14-ounce pickerel.

Boys' division winners were Tony Bolognia, 5 Monica Lane, 9-ounce calico bass; Don Pizzutto, 27 Morgan St., 7¾-inch perch; Mark Germanowski, 7 Lucille St., 7⅜-inch perch, and Scott Green, 1073 Dalton Ave., 7-ounce perch.

Prizes of ice-fishing equipment were awarded the winners by Karen Freeman, last year's winter carnival queen.

Although the weather was mild, only 128 persons registered, 28 less than last year when freezing rain and snow prevailed. There were 48 men, 65 boys, 14 girls and 1 woman.

James H. Frank was derby chairman, assisted by Supt. Vincent J. Hebert and Fred Garner of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Volunteers assisting included Edgar E. Hover of the Conservation Commission Advisory Committee; Edward S. Bailey, state Division of Fisheries and Game volunteer; Franklin H. Controy, chairman of the Conservation Commission; Roger B. Sloper of the Park Commission, and Everett Thomas, president, and William Danylin, William J. Harvey and Samuel S. Simonetta, members of the Pittsfield Sportsmen's Club.

Officer Allan L. McGroary represented the state Division of Law Enforcement.

JAN 28 1974



Mark Mitchell

Fishless Sunday

Mrs. Robert F. Jakubowicz of 88 Northumberland Road and her children sat in beach chairs but bundled up in blankets yesterday to help watch Dad's tip-ups in the Park Department fishing derby at Pontoosuc Lake. They caught no fish. The temperature reached a record of 57 degrees Sunday, but it was still a cold job of watching and waiting. Weatherman George Bulgarelli expects the warm spell to last the week.

Snow sculpture competition is planned

The city Winter Sports Committee hopes to introduce a family snow-sculpture contest as one of its events this year — that is, if enough snow arrives to make it possible.

Under the plan, the contest will start after the next snowstorm and continue for one week. Committee officials said families wishing to enter the contest should contact the Park Department when their entry is completed, within the week limit, and someone will be sent to photograph the sculpture. At the weeks end, all pictures of entries will be put together and the judging will take place.

Event chairman Joanne I. Stryjewski said an announcement concerning the deadline will be made through news media as soon as possible after the next storm. She said announcement is being made now so that families can decide on the theme they want to work out and get their materials accumulated before the contest begins.

Miss Stryjewski said that prizes will be awarded and that additional information may be obtained from her or the Park Department.

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Interscholastic ski meet is canceled for this year

The Berkshire interscholastic ski meet, scheduled for this weekend at Jiminy Peak and Pittsfield State Forest, has been canceled this year, chairmen John Rusk and Albert Voll announced today. The reason for the cancellation was the poor conditions at both areas.

At a meeting of the Winter Sports Committee last night, the possibility of rescheduling or just running a segment of the interscholastics was discussed. However, the committee decided that it was in the best interests of participants, officials and the areas involved for the event to be canceled.



Mark Mitchell

BURST of rockets lights up the sky during Saturday night's display of fireworks at Bousquet's ski area. The display is one of the annual attractions of the Pittsfield Winter Carnival.

JAN 31 1974

Winter sports group retires Eagle ski award

The Berkshire Eagle Award for the outstanding junior skier in the City Ski Meet, one of the events of the annual Winter Carnival, was officially retired at last night's meeting of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee at the Springside House. Last year's recipient of the award, Susan Hartwell, was on hand to receive her own smaller version of the award. The Berkshire Eagle Award will now go on display at the Springside House.

The award was first presented in 1950 and was given every year after through 1973 with the exception of 1951 and 1959 when the meet was cancelled. The award was originally presented to the outstanding junior skier in the 13-15 age group, but in recent years had gone to the skier under the 15-17 age group who had beaten his or her own class by the highest number of points.

The committee decided to retire the trophy because of the recent difficulty in selecting a recipient according to the present format for conducting the competition.

The City Ski Meet is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 18, Washington's Birthday at the Pittsfield State Forest. Chairman William J. Eagan announced that applications are now available at the Department of Parks and Recreation offices, 874 North St. He stressed that the meet is a fun race for junior skiers from Pittsfield and adjoining towns and is not a race sanctioned by the USEASA. The course will be set so that most weekend skiers could manage the slalom without much difficulty.

Additional information may be obtained from Eagan or at the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Winners of the Berkshire Eagle Award are:

1950, William Hollister; 1952, Philip McKean; 1953 and 1954, John Seely Jr.; 1955 and 1956, William Seely; 1957, Evan Hendricks; 1958, James Gardner, Collin Garstang; 1960, James Hollister, Walter Dickie; 1961, Marquita Marsten, William Martin; 1962, Charles Goodrich Jr.

Also: 1963, James Garstang, Charles Goodrich Jr.; 1964, Brian Sisselman; 1965, James Vandergrift; 1966, J. Robert Busch Jr.; 1967 and 1968, William Vandergrift; 1969, Richard Shipton Jr.; 1970, Philip Brilliant; 1971, William Greene; 1972, Suzanne Voll; 1973, Susan Hartwell.

FEB 4 1974

Snow sculpture competition is launched

The 29th annual winter carnival is starting its family snow sculpture contest now.

Plans to hold the contest had been announced last week, but the date was left open because of lack of snow. The weekend's heavy snow solved the problem.

Event chairman Joanne I. Stryjewski announced that completed sculptures will be photographed by the Department of Parks and Recreation if contacted by Feb. 11 at 5 p.m.

She said judging will be done on the basis of the photographs. She advised contestants to moisten the snow to sculpt it more effectively.

FEB 4 1974

Snowmobiles to compete on lake

Races slated for Saturday in 5 classes

Snowmobile races will be held Saturday at noon by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation on Pontoosuc Lake.

All participants must join the American Amateur Snowmobile Corporation at the races if they haven't done so.

The amateur division is divided into these five classes made up of stock vehicles:

Boys, 12 and 13 years of age, 0-295 CC engine with 29 h.p. maximum; boys, 13 and 14 years of age, 0-400 CC engine; girls, 12, 13 and 14 years of age, 0-295 CC engine with 29 h.p. maximum; women's class I, 0-345 CC; women's class 2 346-440 CC.

The ProAm division classes for men and women are as follow:

Stock: Class 1, 0-295 CC, class 2, 296-345 CC, class 3, 346-400 CC, class 4, 401-440 CC.

Modified: Class 1, 0-295 CC; class 2, 296-345 CC; class 3, 346-400 CC; class 4, 441-650 CC.

Superstock: Class 1, 0-295 CC; class 2, 296-345 CC; class 3 346-400 CC; class 4, 401-440 CC.

Applications are available for city ski meet

Locations where applications for the Pittsfield city ski meet may be obtained have been announced by William Eagan, chairman. The meet will be run Monday Feb. 18, Washington's Birthday observance at the Pittsfield State Forest.

Applications are available at: Bonny Ski 'N Sport Shop, Besse-Clarke's ski shop, Bousquet Ski School, the Department of Parks and Recreation office and at the main office of Pittsfield and Taconic high schools, North, South and Crosby junior highs.

The city ski meet is open to junior skiers between the ages of 6 and 17 from Pittsfield and adjoining towns. All entry blanks must be in at the Park Department offices at 874 North St. no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, February 15.

FEB 5 1974

New deadline set for contest

February 20 at 5 p.m. is the new deadline for entries in the snow sculpture contest sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, Miss Joanne I. Stryjewski, contest chairman, announced today.

Contestants must contact the department before the deadline to have their sculptures photographed. The photographs will be used to judge the entries.

The deadline originally was today but was extended because of last minute interest. Miss Styrjewski said that more than 20 entries for sculptures including turtles, fish and kangaroos, were made over the weekend. FEB 11 1974



Paul Rocheleau

FIRST KISS for Pittsfield's 1974 Winter Carnival Queen Patricia Fillio was bestowed by Mayor Evan Dobelle last night at Itam Lodge. Almost 400 witnessed event.

FEB 9 1974

Patricia Fillio is crowned 1974 Winter Carnival queen

Miss Patricia M. Fillio was crowned queen of Pittsfield's 1974 Winter Carnival at the annual ball last night at Itam Lodge.

Almost 400 attended the event sponsored by the winter sports committee of the Pittsfield Department of Parks and Recreation.

The new queen, 17-year-old daughter of Richard E. Fillio of 418 Cloverdale St., was crowned by Miss Karen Freeman, 1973 queen. Her lady-in-waiting will be Miss Laura Torra, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick C. Torra of 55 Lowden St., who was the top all-time button seller. Miss Torra sold 5,874 buttons to beat the record of 4,700 set by her sister, Eileen, the high button seller and lady-in-waiting in 1971. Laura was crowned by outgoing lady-in-waiting Miss Darlene Love Sorel.

Charm school scholarship

Miss Fillio will reign over the remaining events of this year's carnival season and the events of next year's 30th carnival season.

Miss Fillio, a slight-figured senior in Taconic High School's business program, was escorted by John Danylieko. She wore a deep green velvet Empire-style gown with V-shaped neckline accented with a large lace-trimmed collar. Her sponsor was Superior Guard Service, Inc.

She earlier had expressed hopes to perhaps become a model, and one of her gifts was a $150 scholarship to the Carol Russell School of Charm and Modeling in Springfield. The gift was from Miss Russell, the school's owner-director, one of three judges for the contest.

Miss Torra, a senior in Pittsfield High School's college preparatory course, received a special cash award for selling the most buttons. Sponsored by the PHS student council, she was dressed in a red chiffon gown and escorted by Tim Herrick.

An additional several hundred dollars worth of gifts donated by local merchants and businessmen were distributed to the eight contestants. Other contestants were the Misses Susan Sykes, Linda Rocklin, Pamela Bertoldi, Candice Eksuzian, Frances DNicola and Tina Bigelow.

The contestants sold 15,431 buttons, almost 1,000 more than last year, for a gross amount of $3,857.75. Money raised from the button sale is used to help support the 19 different carnival events, as well as going toward contributions to local competitors and sports groups.

Bob Burke was master of ceremonies and Chairman was Mrs. William S. Pizzuto. The Five Easy Pieces Plus One provided music.

Snow sculpture entries sought

Monday at 5 p.m. is the deadline for entries in the Park Department snow sculpture contest.

Miss Joanne I. Stryjewski of 101 Seymour St., contest chairman, said no entries have been received thus far. She expressed hope that, what with the snowfall this week, some sculpting would be done this weekend. People who complete their figures over the weekend can call Miss Stryjewski to have the effort judged immediately.

Prizes will be awarded the winners.

Winter carnival ball judges are announced

Judges for the winter carnival queen's contest at tonight's winter carnival ball were named today by Mrs. William S. Pizzuto, chairman.

The ball, sponsored by the winter sports committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation, will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Itam Lodge. Tickets may be obtained at the door.

Miss Carol Russell of Springfield, J. Leo Clark of Stow and J. Paul Graham of Utica, N.Y., will judge the contestants on poise, personality, appearance, ability to express themselves and on knowledge of the carnival. The winner and her lady-in-waitng will be crowned after the judging.

Owner and director of the Carol Russell School of Charm and Modeling, Miss Russell is a professional model and former Miss Springfield. She is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and of the John Robert Powers School.

Mr. Clark is vice president and general manager of the engineering model division for Atkins & Merrill, Inc., of Ashland.

Mr. Graham is dean of business affairs at Mohawk Valley Community College in Oneida (N.Y.) County.

FEB 8 1974

Winter Carnival MC Bob Burke

FEB 5 1974

Bob Burke, well-known for his work with TV Channel 2 and his portrayal of the character "Pop Korn," will be master of ceremonies for the winter carnival ball, according to Mrs. William S. Pizzuto, chairman of the queen's contest.

The ball will be Friday at Itam Lodge with dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. to the music of the Five Easy Pieces Plus One.

Mrs. Pizzuto reported that ball tickets are still available at the Department of Parks and Recreation offices. Tickets may be bought for a couple or singly. Tables, still available for groups of people, may be reserved through the Park Department.

Persons who have made table reservations are to pick them up at the Park Department office by 5 p.m. Thursday.

'Hot dog Race' Tuesday

FEB 16 1974

The second learn-to-ski "Hot Dog Race" conducted by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee for children in the Bousquet - Department of Parks and Recreation ski instruction program will be held Tuesday at 8 a.m. on the east slope at Bousquet's.

The Hot Dog Race is a fun race for children who have taken lessons in this year's beginner or advanced programs and will consist of an easy slalom course which everyone will be able to maneuver. All participants will win a Hot Dog Race patch for trying and will be treated to free hot dogs and cocoa. Ribbons also will be presented to the top three finishers in their age groups.

Special guest at the races will again be "Mr. Hot Dog" Wohrle's six-foot'high hot dog in a roll.

Registration for the race will be held at a meeting on Monday, at 7 p.m. in the Taconic High School auditorium. The registration program will consist of an explanation and discussion of racing procedures by Pittsfield High School ski coach Terry Goodrich, as well as two movies on skiing. Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Henry, chairmen of the event, said that this session will be open to the public.

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Winter sports sled races set for Sunday

Sled races will take place Sunday at 2 in Clapp Park, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Puntin, chairmen of the city sled races for the Winter Sports Committee, announced today.

Children must bring entry blanks signed by their parents to the Department of Parks and Recreation by 5 p.m. today or to the race site on Sunday to enter. Registration for the races on Sunday is from 1 to 1:30 in Clapp Park.

Trophies will be presented to first - place finishers in all classes and ribbons will go to second - and third - place finishers.

All participants will receive candy bars.

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Mark Mitchell

LUCKY DOG just makes the snowbank as snowmobiles come roaring by in the races Saturday at Pontoosuc Lake. The event was part of the Winter Carnival.

Winter Carnival snowmobile races on Pontoosuc have 85 participants

By Nick Peck

The annual snowmobile races on Pontoosuc Lake, conducted as part of the 29th annual Winter Carnival sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, drew 85 participants Saturday.

Robert Swartwout of Schuylerville, N.Y., won both the Stock 1 class (0-295 CC) and the Superstock 3 class (346-400 CC).

Other double winners were Charles Krywz of Greenfield Center, N.Y., who won Stock 3 (346-400 CC) and Stock 2 (296-345 CC), Sam Little of Stillwater, N.Y., who won Stock 4, (401-440 CC) and Superstock 2 (296-345 CC) and Jack Cottrell of Rock City Falls. Cottrell did not register his home state. He won the, Modified 2 (296-345 CC) and Modified 3 (346-440CC).

A total of 13 different brands of machine were entered. First place winners rode Arctic Cat, Sno Jet or Polaris.

"Tug-on-Snow"

During intermission a "Tug-on-Snow" was held for high school and junior high school teams.

Taconic won the high-school division by default because neither Pittsfield High School nor St. Joseph's fielded a team.

St. Mark's Middle School won the junior high division for the girls and North Junior won for the boys.

The complete results of the snowmobile races are as follows:

Junior Boys, Class 1 0-295cc: Darrell Blanchard, Whitehall, N.Y.; Gary Little, Stillwater, N.Y.; Richard Cormier, Hinsdale.

Junior Boys, Class 2 0-400 cc: Al Belden, Pittsford, Vt.; Tad Bayer, Ballston Spa, N.Y.; Joe Blanchard, Whitehall, N.Y.

Junior Girls: Anne Cormier, Hinsdale.

Womens Class 1
1. Mary Cunningham, Ticonderoga, N.Y.
2. Vicci Pinsonault E. Dorset, Vt.
3. Maureen Yaw Ticonderoga, N.Y.

Stock 1, 0-295cc
1. Robert Swartwout Schuylerville, N.Y.
2. Bill Blanchard Whitehall, N.Y.
3. Stephen Yaw Ticonderoga, N.Y.

Stock 2, 296-345cc
1. Charles Krywz Greenfield Center, N.Y.
2. Stephen Yaw Ticonderoga, N.Y.
3. Dick Belden Pittsford, Vt.

Stock 3, 346-400cc
1. Charles Krywz Greenfield Center, N.Y.
2. Arnold Orschel Avon, Conn.
3. Tim Little Stillwater, N.Y.

Stock 4, 401-440 cc
1. Sam Little Stillwater, N.Y.
2. Richard Armstrong Granville, N.Y.
3. Dick Osborne Granville, N.Y.

Superstock 1, 0-295 cc
1. Dick Beldon Pittsford, Vt.
2. Mal Walsh Lenoxdale

Superstock 2, 296-345 cc
1. Sam Little Stillwater, N.Y.
2. Robert Swartwout Schuylerville, N.Y.
3. Dick Beldon Pittsford, Vt.

Superstock 3, 346-400cc
1. Robert Swartwout Schuylerville, N.Y.
2. Sam Little Stillwater, N.Y.
3. Dick Stewart Hartford, N.Y.

Superstock 4, 401-440cc
1. Dan Pinsonault E. Dorset, Vt.
2. Bill Blanchard Whitehall, N.Y.
3. James Browne Pittsfield.

Modified 2, 296-345 cc
1. Jack Cottrell Rock City Falls
2. Bill Blanchard Whitehall, N.Y.
3. Bill Zinssar Altamont, N.Y.

Modified 3, 346-440 cc
1. Jack Cottrell Rock City Falls
2. Bill Blanchard Whitehall, N.Y.
3. Rick Kingsley Whitehall, N.Y.

Nordic event is called off

The Winter Sports Committee has canceled the Nordic ski event because of the difficulty of getting qualified officials.

The Nordic competition originally had been set for Jan. 27 but was postponed at that time because of poor snow conditions.

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Deadline Wednesday for snow sculpture

The Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation reports more than 30 entries in the snow sculpture contest. The entry deadline is Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Contestants must report their sculptures to the Park Department by the deadline so that a photograph, used in judging, can be taken.

FEB 16 1974

Winter sports board helps ski competitors

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee has voted to appropriate $50 to each of 12 youngsters — $600 in all — to help defray expenses of competing in the Class 1 and 2 Junior Regional Ski Championships.

The competition began Thursday at Waterville Valley, N.H., and will continue through today.

The youngsters will be participating in the downhill event, the slalom and the giant slalom. Representing the Berkshires are Bonny, Jeff and Billy Lyon, Greg Bailey, Peter Gaviorno and Bill Evans, all of Pittsfield; Dale, Dean and Steven Maynard, all of Hancock; Lori Monico of Dalton; Lois Atherton of Richmond, and Richie Wright of Lanesboro. Top finishers in the regionals will go on to the Easterns being held in March.

City ski meet

In other action at the committee's meeting Wednesday, William Eagan, chairman of the city ski meet announced that the deadline for submitting entries would be moved up to noon Saturday. He reported that 54 entries had been received but that all girls' classes and the boys' 6-8 class need more entries. He said persons getting entry blanks at the Besse-Clarke Ski Shop, Bonny Ski 'N Sport Shop, Pittsfield Sporting Goods, Bousquet Ski School or Brodie Mountain should complete them and leave them at one of those locations or at the Department of Parks and Recreation before noon Saturday.

Eagan said that awards this year will be given for the top three finishers in each class, based on combined times from the morning and afternoon races. Trophies will be presented to these finishers.

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City Note

—Robert E. Cartier, chairman of the Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation, said that the committee will not meet this week. The next meeting of the committee will be Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Springside House. Final event of the carnival season will be the Pittsfield indoor speed-skating championships March 2 and 3 in Lenox.

FEB 21 1974

30 snow sculptures entered in contest

The snow-sculpture contest being held by the Winter Sports Committee received more than 30 entries by the deadline yesterday, according to Miss Joanne I. Stryjewski, contest chairman.

The winners will be announced next week, she said.

FEB 18 1974

City ski meet might move to Bousquet's

The city ski meet, taking place today in Pittsfield State Forest, could be held next year at the Bousquet ski area if city officials act on a letter sent today by Paul R. Bousquet offering the use of his area without requiring advance filing of an environmental assessment of the event.

Such a statement was required for the first time this year by the Department of Natural Resources before the city was allowed to conduct its ski meet in Pittsfield State Forest.

Miss Andrea Snell, recreational supervisor for the Pittsfield Department of Parks and Recreation, said a seven-page statement had to be filed for the meet, which has been held in the forest for over 20 years.

In an interview this morning Bousquet said he would charge nothing for the use of his facilities.

The Department of Natural Resources charges the city $20 for the use of the lodge in the state forest. There are no other charges, according to Mrs. Bernice M. O'Brien, secretary to Douglas G. Poland, regional forest and parks supervisor for the Department of Natural Resources.

Mrs. O'Brien added that her office is trying to arrange "blanket approval" for such annual events as the ski meet so that organizers need fill out the forms only once.

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63 compete in hot dog ski races

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The second Learn-to-Ski "hot dog race" sponsored by the Pittsfield winter sports committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation for children who have participated in the department's ski lessons at Bousquet's was held Tuesday at the Bousquet Ski Area. Sixty-three children participated in the races and were treated to cocoa and hot dogs at the base of the hill between runs. All participants received a learn-to-ski "hot dog race" patch, and the top three finishers in each division were presented ribbons by Winter Carnival Queen Patricia Fillio.

The ribbons winners in each division follow:

BEGINNER SERIES — Girls 8-10: 1, Eileen Holland; 2, Cynthia Komlosi; 3, Jane Ferris. Boys 8-10: 1, Matt Pictrowski; 2, Martin Ferris; 3, Christopher Barris. Girls 11 and 12: 1, Beverly Komlosi; 2, Maureen Higgins; 3, Sara Ferris. Boys 11 and 12: 1, Gregory Rose. Girls 13-15: 1, Susan Harper. Boys 13-15: 1, Paul Coughlin.

ADVANCED SERIES — Girls 8-10: 1, Eileen McNeil; 2, Kathleen Mara; 3, Rosemarie Crea. Boys 8-10: 1, Jeff Storie; 2, Jimmy Hassett, Ted Mottor; 3, Eric Senger. Girls 11 and 12: 1, Lori Favata; 2, Mary Mastalerz; 3, Mary Rivard. Boys 11 and 12: 1, Carter Owen; 2, Jay Abair, 3, David Mallory. Girls 13-15: 1, Paula Komlosi; 2, Nicole Abair; 3, Karen Komlosi. Boys 13-15: 1, Paul Manley; 2, David Komlosi; 3, Arch Owen.

Chairmen for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Henry.

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Mark Mitchell

FASTEST SLEDDER in the boys' aged 5-and-under category in yesterday's city sled races was Jerry Miller of 129 Velma Ave. Forty young racers took part.

Young sledders compete

Forty children participated yesterday in the city sled races, an activity sponsored by the Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Puntin, chairmen of the event, said that Pomeroy School received an award for fielding more sledders than any other school. Redfield came in second and Catholic Central Middle School came in third.

Trophies were presented to those competitors who placed first in the classes listed below. Second- and third-place finishers received ribbons.

The fastest run down the short slope was made by Diane Carmon of 45 Paul Ave. of the intermediate girls' division.

Midget boys, 5 and under — Jerry Miller, Mark Carpenter, Travis Taikowski.

Midget girls, 5 and under — Carol Larrivee, Paris Valentine, Kendra Nash.

Junior boys, 6 and 7 years — Tom Fillio, Greg Taikowski, Richard Day.

Junior girls, 6 and 7 years — Kim Knights, Leslie Carpino.

Intermediate boys, 8, 9, and 10 years — sleds — Daniel Addison, Michael Carpenter, Matthew Pictrowski.

Intermediate girls, 8, 9, and 10 years — sleds — Diane Carmon, Christine Larrivee, Robin Carpenter.

Intermediate boys, 8, 9, and 10 years — mini-boggans — Paul Caccaviello, Daniel Addison.

Intermediate girls, 8, 9, and 10 years — mini-boggans — Nancy Matthews.

Senior boys, 11 and 12 years — sleds and mini-boggans — Thomas O'Connell.

Senior girls, 11 and 12 years — sleds — Ellen Carlo, Leslie Addison, Lix Carlo.

Senior girls, 11 and 12 years — mini-boggans — Leslie Addison, Lisa Patterson.

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Mark Mitchell

COMBINED WINNER in the boys' 15-17 division Gary Ettinger zips neatly through a gate on his way to the honors in the city ski meet at Pittsfield State Forest yesterday. About 100 competed.

One hundred compete in Pittsfield ski meet

One hundred children and young people participated in the city ski meet Monday at the Pittsfield State Forest.

Trophy awards were presented to the first three finishers in each of eight divisions, based on combined totals in the morning and afternoon races.

Closest finishes of the day came in the boys 12-14 division when the three top finishers' final times were within .59 seconds of each other — 46.09, 46.21 and 46.78. Other close finishes were in the girls 12-14 division with the top place at 52.31 and second place at 52.64 and in the boys 15-17 with the top finishers at 45.11 and 45.89.

The meet was one of the events in the city's 29th annual winter carnival, sponsored by the Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Chairman for the ski event was William J. Eagan.

Division results, in order of finish, were:

Girls 6-8 — Leona Wetherell, Amy Allison, Amy Connor.

Boys 6-8 — David Hadden, Arnold Franz, John Harvey.

Girls 9-11 — Susan Prindle, Nancy Gustafson, Heather Boyle, Colleen Boyle.

Boys 9-11 — Eric Voelker, Rick Latimer, Mark McInerney, Robert O'Hearn, Jim Harding, Colin Gallup, Kylie Wheeler, Mike Craft, Dave Murray and Peter Henry.

Cory Gallup, Paul Coughlin, Tim Connor, Karl Franz, Dave Baran, Tom Renton and Eric Senger.

Girls 12-14 — Janice Cartier, Linda Altman, Jean McNeil, Susan Wheeler, Nina Terpak, Kellie Cochrane and Mary Svenson.

Boys 12-14 — John Koch, Dan Molino, Steve McDermott, Bob Winslow, Mark Connor, Terry Mahoney, Mark Lester, Tom Harding and Tom Grise.

Also, Gerard Harvey, Joe Pierro, Scott Grise, Dave Gustafson, Mark Ettinger, Bill Wood and Rocky Allison.

Girls 15-17 — Ginger Jenks and Heidi Svenson.

Boys 15-17 — Gary Ettinger, Scott Prindle, Andy Kelly, John Beischel, Mike Connor, Chris Brinn, Karl Uhlig and Chet Gallup.

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Winners named in Park Dept. ice sculpture

A St. Bernard dog has walked away with the honors without budging an inch in the Winter Sports Committee's snow sculpture contest.

The cold, white canine was sculptured by Eileen, Kathleen, Neil and Michael Mara of 66 Lexington Pkwy. and by Holly Peters of 69 Lexington Pkwy. They will share $15 worth of gift certificates redeemable at McDonald's and Friendly's.

Cathleen M. Collins of 82 McArthur St. came in second on the basis of her snow owl. She gets $10 worth of certificates.

Third prize goes to Mark W. Peronto of 66 Unkamet Drive and Richard A. Rusk of 61 Unkamet Drive. They made a Corvette automobile and get to split up a $5 certificate.

Honorable mention certificates will go to Maureen A. and Diane M. Avalle, 20 Hopewell Drive, for their caterpillar; Theresa A. DiNicola, 164 Elm St., and Sharon L. Palmer, 179 Elm St., for their fish; and to the Eric Svenson family of Lee Road in Lenox for their maiden.

Judges for the contest were Raymond C. Boyer, Robert Boland and Miss Marianne C. Strykewski, the contest chairman.

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Local people named meet officials

Local people who will work as officials at the Pittsfield Indoor speed-skating championships tomorrow and Sunday at the Wilde Sports Center at Lenox have been announced by chairman Carl Peaslee.

Mrs. Mary T. Smith, Mrs. Peaslee and Miss Andrea Snell will be registrars. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Peaslee also will be scorers.

Other Pittsfield residents officiating are corner judge Alex Goguen, clerks-of-course Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ryan and judges Vincent Hebert, Robert Deloye and James Farry.

Mrs. Herbert Jones will have charge of results and Mrs. Deloye medal awards. Herbert Jones will take care of parking and Albert Solera and Mario Tassinari properties.

Miss Patricia Fillio, 1974 Pittsfield Winter Carnival queen, will make the trophy awards.

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Sliding races set Feb. 17 in Clapp Park

Entry blanks for the city sliding races Feb. 17, part of the 29th annual winter carnival, can be obtained from the Department of Parks and Recreation, 874 North St.

The sliding races in Clapp Park are open to children aged 12 years or younger in these classes: midgets, 5 years or younger; juniors, 6 and seven years old; intermediates, 8 to 10 years old and seniors, 11 and 12 years old.

For the intermediate and senior classes, there will be a miniboggan race this year, in addition to the regualr two-runner sled races for all classes. Intermediate and senior classes can enter mini-boggans or sleds or both. In addition to the awards for children in each age division, there will be a trophy for the school which has the most children entered in the sliding races.

Entries must be returned no later than 5 p.m. Feb. 15 to the Park Department or the event chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. William Puntin, 28 Allesio St.

Snow sculpture contest winners to be announced

Winners in the Winter Sports Committee's snow-sculpture contest will be announced tomorrow night when the committee meets at 7:30 at Springside House, committee officials said today.

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About 150 expected for skating meet

Approximately 150 skaters are expected to take part in the Pittsfield Indoor speed skating championships to be held at the Wilde Sports Center in Lenox this weekend, according to Carl E. Peaslee, event chairman. The races are the concluding event in the 29th annual Winter Carnival sponsored by the Pittsfield winter sports committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The races will start at 1 p.m. on Saturday and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Entries have been received from Virginia, New Jersey, Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts.

The Tanglewood Motor Inn, Wagon Wheel Motel and Holiday Deluxe motels are cooperating in serving as headquarters for the skaters.

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City Note

—The Winter Sports Committee said last night that the name of Robin Clement of 90 McArthur St. was omitted from the Thursday announcement of winners in the committee's snow-sculpture contest. The girl and Cathleen M. Collins of 82 McArthur St. took second place and a $10 prize for their sculpture of an owl.

Hospot wins juvenile title in Pittsfield Indoor meet

By Jan Tavalin

SPORTS

LENOX — A courageous, trophy-winning performance by Kurt Hospot paced a generally-improved showing by the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club at the Pittsfield Indoor championships, over the weekend at the Wilde Sports Arena.

Kurt, the 13-year-old son of former winter sports committee chairman Raymond Hospot of Narragansett Avenue, was ill much of the week, and reported running a high fever Friday. However, he got out of bed Saturday, and proceeded to win the juvenile boys' 330 and 440-yard races with relative ease. Kurt appeared somewhat weaker for Sunday's event but managed to finish a close second to Pete Klinkowiez of Pelham, N.Y., in both the 220 and 880, to take the divisional title from Klinkowicz, who had only one second-place finish. Chuck Denure of Ramsey, N.J., and Gary Glaser of Easton, Conn. trailed in points.

The local contingent did slightly better as a whole than it had in January's outdoor meet on Pontoosuc Lake, but then the competition this week was much keener. Only three winners swept their fields, and there were many very close finishes. There were also quite a few spills. Senior man Mike McDonald of Utica went down in early action and did not return. He required five stitches to close a spike wound.

Although Hospot was the only local trophy winner, Peewee boy Arnold Franz had one first place finish while senior woman Joanne Farry, intermediate boy Bruce Flocken and Peewee boy Eric Plouffe finished in the running of their respective divisions. Other local contestants included senior man Dave Izzo, Peewee girl Kathy Brown and Midget boys Mike Brennan, John Miraglia and Jimmy Brown.

Franz impressive

Although Franz failed to repeat his trophy winning sweep of the outdoor meet, he was impressive, winning the 220, finishing second in 110 and 330 and third in the 1/6 mile, for runner-up honors. John Sand of Stratford, Conn., took the trophy with three first-place finishes. Sand was challenging Franz for the lead in the stretch of the 220, but went down on a turn and finished fourth. Tom Medici of Bayside, N.Y., had two seconds and a third-place finish, while Plouffe, competing for the first time, finished fourth in three of the races.

Miss Farry, competing in the senior division this year, looked much improved over her January performance. After finishing second in the ¾ mile and third in both the 440 and 880, Joanne was leading the pack in the opening laps of Sunday's mile finale. She was running a strong second, late in the race when she spilled and finished out of the running.

Carole Moore of Flushing, N.Y., took the title with three first place finishes and a fourth in the 440. She was followed by Aldrena Croal of New Milford, Conn., with a first, second and a third-place finish and Miss Farry. Leslie Moore of Flushing and Ellen Williams of Bloomfield, N.J. also had second place finishes.

Four thirds

Flocken had four third-place finishes in the intermediate boys. He was most impressive in the 440, finishing third despite two spills. He was challenging for second in the stretch when tripped by Tim Tripp of Utica. The latter was disqualified, and Bruce got up to finish the race. Drew Hayes of Buchanan, N.Y., took the trophy with three firsts and a second. Ed Mikuta of Utica won the mile, had two seconds and a fourth place finish.

Former Olympic star Bill Lanigan of Rego Park, N.Y. was again the class of the event. But after winning the 880, he was upset by a darkhorse, Mark Sullivan of Buffalo. Sullivan led all the way, but had to stand off a desperate stretch drive by Lanigan to win by a head. Lanigan recouped to win the ¾ mile in a breeze, then double - lapped the pack in taking the 2-mile, the senior men's finale. Sullivan also had one third and two fourth place finishes. Charles Malek of New Rochelle finished third three times and second once. Ron Peters of Bayside, N.Y., was runner-up in the 880 and 2 mile.

The Senior's mile event was called off Saturday when only one contestant showed.

The class of the women's competition appeared to be Cathy Turner of Rochester who swept the Midget girls' division. She was especially impressive Saturday, winning the 440 in 44.4 seconds and the 1/6 mile in 30.1 seconds. A very classy skater, she was never seriously challenged. Jean Ahrendtson of New Hartford, N.Y. was runner-up twice, third once.

Jeff Stratmeyer of Baltimore and Susan Rosse of Saratoga Springs, N.Y. swept the pony divisions.

Mike Miller of Depew, N.Y., showing grace and style, captured the junior boys ¾ mile, 440 and 880 with ease, but fell to third in the mile, as Ron Gonsalves of Trumbull, Conn. edged Pete Stroheier of Rochester by a hair. Art Hazlitt of Brooklyn had three second place finishes. Patty Jewtraw of Lake Placid took the junior girls crown with three victories. But she lost the 220 to Brenda Colgan of Arlington in a close finish. Brenda was second in the other three races.

Top honors went to the south in the midget boys. Greg Granahan of Alexandria, Va., finished ahead of Mike Murphy of Baltimore in the first three events. But Murphy, a small but scrappy lad, caught Granahan midway through the 330 and won going away.

Lake Placid's Noelle Wood took the peewee girls' trophy, winning three races and finishing second to Katie Spencer of Saratoga Springs in the 330. Katie finished second twice and third once, while Pittsfield's Kathy Brown barely missed fourth place in the 220 yard event.

Gretchen Byrne of Syracuse took the juvenile girls' division, finishing first in three races and fourth in the 440, after being caught in a multiple spill. Lesa Corrow of Lake Placid edged Pat Meaney of Burlington in the 440. Miss Meaney, and Debbie Finn of New York each had two second place finishes.

Jody Denure of Ramsey, N.J. and Ann Ahrendtsen of New Hartford, N.Y. shared the intermediate girls' title. Jody took the 660 and 880 Saturday, Anne took the 440 and ¾ mile Sunday.

PRESS BOX POPSICLES: — Bridgeport, Conn. took the team trophy with 89 points . . . Several new records appeared to be set, but will not be announced until later in the week, pending further review. There was an especially fast track on Saturday . . . Opening remarks were handled by event chairman Carl Peaslee . . . Many of the senior men were dissatisfied with the scratching of the mile event. They felt the decision to do so was "bush" . . . Trophies were presented by 1974 Winter Crnival Queen Patricia Fillio . . . Park Supt. Vincent Hebert did his usual good job handling the odds and ends that tend to crop up . . . Of the 14 divisional winners, five had previously won their divisional trophy in the outdoor tourney. They were Bill Lanigan, Drew Hayes, Jeff Stratmeyer, Suzanne Rosse and Gretchen Byrne. Stratmeyer swept his division on both occasions.



Mark Mitchell

JUVENILE BOY TITLIST is Pittsfield's Kurt Hospot in city indoor speed-skating championships over weekend at Wilde Sports Center in Lenox. Kurt got out of sickbed to compete.

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Sports board aids athletes

Members of the Pittsfield winter sports committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation voted Wednesday to donate $25 each, or a total of $700, to help defray the expenses of 28 area free style skiers who will be representing Bousquet and Jiminy Peak ski areas at the junior and senior Eastern Ski Association Free-Style Master Championships at Loon Mountain in Lincoln, N.H.

The juniors will compete March 9 and 20 and the senior event is slated for March 16 and 17.

The recipients

Receiving donations from the committee are the following: Tommy and Rich Tuggey, John, Ray and Gretchen Stinson, Krista and Cynthia Swanson, Robert Cassidy, Lisa Campoli, Marcia Wiley, Joe Isabel, Lisa and Lynn Angelini, Donna Raymaakers, Carolyn Wade, Diane and Dick Koenitzer, Richard Sojowski, Diane Dery, Sue Ryan, Chris Ulig, Mark Russett, Bryan Salatino and Ginger Jenks, all from Pittsfield; and Debbi Moore, Margaret Harding and Diane and Laura Goldberg, all of Lenox.

The Winter Sports Committee is able to assist area competitors financially as well as conduct some 19 various carnival events, by using the money it raises annually from the Winter Sports Equipment Sale and the sale of Winter Carnival buttons. So far this season, $1300 has been donated by the committee to help with the expenses that area competitors incur while participating in championship events.

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Sports board votes $460 in aid to athletes

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee has voted $460 more as financial assistance to area competitors who travel to winter-sports events.

Latest to benefit are:

Kurt Hospot of Lanesboro, $75 for the National Indoor Speed Skating Championships being held this weekend in Mt. Prospect, Ill.; $50 each, or $150 in all to Hospot and to Joanne Farry and Bruce Flocken, both of Pittsfield, for the North American Indoor Speed Skating Championships next weekend in Sainte-Foy, Que.; $25 each, or $100 in all to John Kirby of Pittsfield, Scott Kierstead of Dalton, Kurt Sickler of Lanesboro and Kim Hallock of Richmond for the junior and senior Eastern Ski Association Freestyle Masters Championships at Loon Mountain, Lincoln, N.H., last weekend and this weekend.

Also receiving assistance are nine Tri-State racers who are competing this weekend in Killington, Vt. Receiving $15 each, or a total of $135 are the following: Susan Hartwell, Gayle Voelker, Brian Prindle, John Ogle and Michael Sanginetti, all of Pittsfield; Suzanne and Patricia Voll and Scott Billings, all of Dalton, and Dana Wright of Lanesboro.

This contributes to a total of $1,735 which the committee has donated to area competitors this season. The money donated is approximately one-third of the anticipated expenses.

Sports board to elect officers

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation will elect officers for the next winter carnival season at a meeting at 7:30 tomorrow night at Springside House.

Information about the committee's annual banquet will also be distributed at the meeting.

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Sports board re-elects four officers

Officers re-elected by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Wednesday night are Robert E. Cartier, chairman, Willard Brigham, vice chairman, Ida Fosty, treasurer; and Andrea G. Snell, historian. Patricia A. Peaslee was newly elected to succeed Kathleen C. Jones as secretary.

The annual banquet for the Winter Sports Committee will be held on Friday, April 5, at the West Shore Club. Shirley Lyon, 37 Waubeek Road, is the chairman. Reservations are due by Monday to either Mrs. Lyon or to Mrs. Peaslee at the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Among the events being included in next year's carnival calendar will be the new Massachusetts Exhibition Freestyle Championships to be held at Bousquet's. This will be the first time a freestyle event has been conducted as part of the annual Winter Carnival activities.

In other action, the committee voted to donate a total of $280 to offset the expenses of seven area skiers who participated in the Eastern Ski Championships earlier this month. The races for Class 1 and 2 girl skiers were held at Burke Mountain and at Stowe in Vermont; and, for boys, at Wildcat and Cannon Mountains.

Skiers who will receive $40 donations each are Bonnie and William Lyon, William Evans and Gregg Bailey, all of Pittsfield; Laurie Monico of Dalton; Lois Atherton of Richmond; and Dean Maynard of Hancock.

MAR 29 1974

Winter-sports unit of Parks Dept. to meet Wednesday

The winter-sports committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its first meeting of the 1974-75 season Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Springside House, 874 North St., said Robert E. Cartier, committee chairman.

The committee is a group of volunteers who plan and conduct approximately 20 different activities as part of their annual Winter Carnival. This season will mark the 30th year the committee has sponsored a Winter Carnival for the citizens of Pittsfield and surrounding towns.

Cartier said persons interested in working on any of the various events are invited to attend this meeting or to contact him or the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Winter sports sale is set for Nov. 22, 23

The winter sports committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its annual winter-sports equipment sale Nov. 22 and 23 if a suitable storefront can be lined up, Andrea G. Snell of the department announced today.

The sale will be the first of about 20 events that comprise the winter-sports committee's Winter Carnival.

Miss Snell said that assistance in finding a location will be appreciated and that anyone who can help should contact her, Mrs. George F. Maynard Jr. of Hancock or Mrs. Eleanor E. Wilde of 12 Bernard Ave., cochairmen of the event.

Winter carnival button design contest opens

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that it will again sponsor a contest for local schoolchildren to design the winter carnival button for this year's winter carnival activities.

The contest is open to students in Grades 1-12 with prizes being awarded in four grade divisions: 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. There will be one prize awarded for each division plus a grand prize, which will be the design selected for this year's button.

Entry rules

Children planning on entering the contest are asked to submit a design on paper approximately 9 by 12 inches in size. The design should be in two colors — one for the background and the other for the design itself. In considering their design, children are asked to remember that it will be reduced to a button only 1¼" in diameter and should be as simple as possible. The only limitations on theme are that it must pertain to the winter season, winter sports or the winter carnival. Designs featuring Peanuts characters, Smiley faces or other well-known cartoon figures cannot be used, due to the problems involved with the patent rights attached to these figures.

Designs may be brought or mailed to the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Girls Club or the Boys' Club between now and Oct. 29. Each should include the child's name, address, phone number, grade and school.

Additional information is available from the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Deadline extended for button contest

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation announced today that the deadline for submitting entries for the annual Winter Carnival button design contest has been extended from tomorrow to Friday, Nov. 8.

Andrea G. Snell, contest chairman, reported the deadline was extended so local youths would have more time to work on their entries. With the holiday this Monday, the Halloween parade Wednesday, and trick-or-treat night Thursday, most children have been thinking of the witching season with no time for thoughts of winter sports, Miss Snell said. Entries now must be in to the Girls Club, the Boys' Club or the Department of Parks and Recreation no later than 5 p.m. Nov. 8.

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Winter sports equipment sale is set

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee today announced that the annual winter-sports-equipment sale will be held Nov. 21-23 at the former S&H Green Stamp store in the Big N. Shopping Plaza on West Housatonic Street.

Chairmen for the event are Mrs. George F. Maynard Jr. of Hancock and Mrs. Eleanor E. Wild of Pittsfield. Both have previously worked as heads of the sale.

The annual sale is the largest source of income to support sports events run for the children of Pittsfield and surrounding communities by the Winter Sports Committee, according to the committee.

Last year, according to the committee, more than 5,000 items were brought to the sale, which made a profit of $2,500 for the committee.

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Volunteers sought for sports sale

The Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking volunteers to help conduct its annual winter-sports-equipment sale.

The sale will be held Nov. 21-23 at the former S&H Green Stamp store in the Big N Shopping Plaza on West Housatonic Street.

Volunteers are needed to work at the sale and to help put tags on items beforehand, said Mrs. Eleanor Wilde of 12 Bernard Ave., a chairman of the event.

She said items may be dropped off at the sale's location on Nov. 19 and 20 from noon to 8 p.m. and on Nov. 21 from noon to 4 p.m The sale itself will begin at 5 p.m. Nov. 21.

Eighty per cent of the money earned from the sale of an item will be returned to the donor.

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Hours are announced for sports sale

Hours for the winter-sports-equipment sale were announced today.

The annual event will run from 5 to 10 p.m. Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 22 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 23 at the former S&H Green Stamp store in the Big N Plaza on West Housatonic Street, Mrs. George F. Maynard Jr. and Mrs. Eleanor E. Wilde, chairmen, said.

The annual sale raises money for the Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation to fund more than 20 events.

The chairmen said equipment may be dropped off at the sale's location from noon to 8 p.m. on Nov. 19 and 20 and from noon to 4 p.m. on Nov. 21. They said no equipment will be accepted during the hours of the sale and the committee will not accept small items, such as mittens, hats, goggles, underwear and socks. Ski bindings should be mounted on a board and heavy ski sweaters should be on hangers before they are brought to the sale. They said sleds, toboggans, snowshoes and cross-country ski equipment are expected to sell well.

Items are to be priced by their owners, who will receive 80 per cent of the sale price. The other 20 per cent will go to the Winter Sports Committee.

Advice is offered to persons selling sports equipment

Kay B. Maynard and Eleanor E. Wilde, chairmen of the annual winter-sports-equipment sale sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee, today offered suggestions to persons preparing items for sale. They suggested:

—All articles be clean and in good condition.

—Skates and boots be polished. People will ignore dirty-looking items, even if they are in good condition.

—All items requiring laces have laces in them of the proper size and in one piece.

—Items belonging together be attached so they cannot be separated.

—Gouges on the bottom of skies be filled and rust removed from the edges.

Items may be brought into the sale building, the former S&H Green Stamp Store in the Big N Plaza, on Tuesday and Wednesday between noon and 8 p.m. They will also be accepted on Thursday, the opening day of the sale, from noon to 4 p.m. No articles will be accepted during the Sale.

The sale will run from 5 to 10 p.m. Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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Lucia Lizotte to head queen contest

Robert E. Cartier, chairman of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation, today announced that Mrs. Lucia Lizotte will be the chairman of the 30th annual Winter Carnival Queen contest.

Mrs. Lizotte, the mother of three, is a secretary in the General Electric distribution transformer department and was co-chairman of the contest last year.

Working with Mrs. Lizotte will be Alice L'Hote, cochairman, and Mrs. Charles R. Gattuso, chairman of the Winter Carnival Ball.

Unsold sale articles can be picked up

Persons who brought articles to be sold in the winter sports equipment sale may pick up unsold articles or checks for sold articles at the former S & H Store in the Big N Plaza on Tuesday from noon to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m. the Winter Sports Committee said.

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Equipment that has not been picked up at the end of this time will be taken to the Springside House where it may be picked up between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., beginning Monday, Dec. 2.

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Stephen Hawkins

TRYING SKATES ON at the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee equipment sale that began yesterday, Pamela Russell of Lanesboro found the floor a good fitting room. Sale of more than 2,000 items continues until 9 tonight and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow at the former S & H Green Stamp store at the Big N Plaza on Route 20, Pittsfield.

Winter-sports sale grosses $19,000

Approximately $19,000 was grossed at the winter-sports-equipment sale held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, said Mrs Kay B. Maynard and Mrs. Eleanor E. Wilde, chairmen of the sale.

Twenty per cent of this will go to the winter-sports committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation and the other 80 per cent will go to the owners of the items sold, the chairmen said. A total of 2,623 articles were brought in to be sold.

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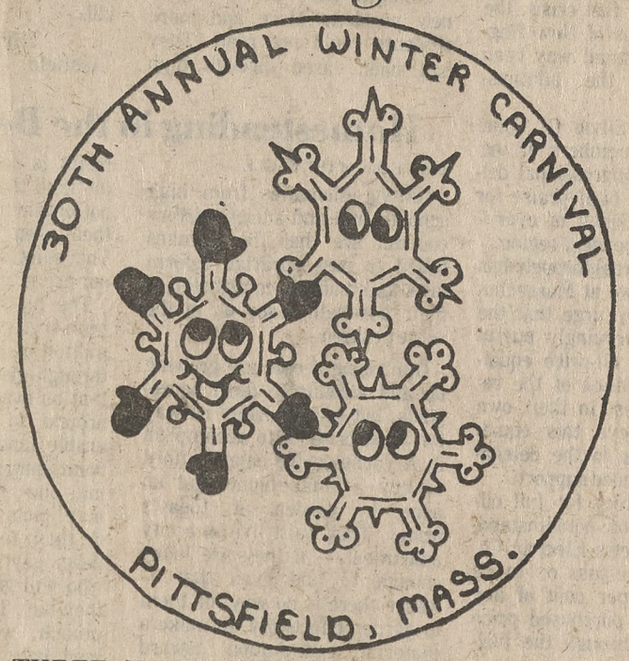
Cross-country skiing program set for Monday

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation will sponsor a lecture and demonstration, "Cross-Country Skiing For Everyone," Monday at 7 p.m. at the Girls Club.

The evening will include a movie and talks on cross-country skiing and demonstrations of proper cross-country techniques. Ski business representatives will be on hand to display equipment.

The event, which is being organized by Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Bolt of Dalton, is open to the public without charge.

Tenth grader wins button-design award



THREE SNOWFLAKES, one with mittens on, are features of the winning button-contest design.

Joanna Petithory, a 10th-grade student at Pittsfield High School, has won the annual button design contest sponsored by the Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Her comical snowflake design in turquoise on a white background will be reproduced on this year's winter carnival buttons.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Petithory of 256 Elm St. In addition to having her design reproduced on the buttons, Miss Petithory also reeived a $50 savings bond.

Other winners

Other winners in several grade divisions, all of whom received $25 savings bonds, are:

Grades 1-3: John Taraskiewicz, a 1st-grade pupil at Dawes School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Taraskiewicz of 22 Plumb St.

Grades 4-6: Anita Frattarola, a 6th-grade pupil at St. Mark's Catholic Middle School. Anita is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Romano J. Frattarola of 137 Draper Ave.

Grades 7-9: Lisa Wetherell, a 7th-grade pupil at Crosby Junior High. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Wetherell of 38 Gale Ave.

Grades 10-12: Anthony DelSignore, a junior at Pittsfield High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony L. DelSignore of 13 Church St.

A total of 605 designs were entered in this year's contest. St. Mark's Middle School received $25 award for the school submitting the most entries with 200 designs coming in from pupils there.

Judging the contest were Mrs. John J. Dupuis, James J. McNeice Jr. and Mrs. Patrick M. West. Chairman for the event was Andrea G. Snell, recreation supervisor for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Snowmobile races approved for lake

Use of Pontoosuc Lake for the 1975 Winter Sports Carnival snowmobile and automobile races — an issue that was hotly disputed last year — was routinely approved by the County Commission yesterday.

The Parks and Recreation Department which sponsors the races, must still submit plans for use of the lake to the City Council. Last year the Council approved the snowmobile and automobile races despite objections from lakefront residents and members of the Pittsfield Noise Control Commission.

The Council last year did ask, however, that the Winter Sports Committee make "a sincere effort to find an alternate site for the 1975 meet."

It could not be learned this morning if the Winter Sports Committee had made an effort to find another location for the races.

The Council's other restrictions on the races last year were: That the races must be 500 feet from the shoreline; that drivers must wear earplugs; that the races had to be policed to protect against vandalism by spectators or participants.

The commissioners acted on the request, which also includes use of the lake for the speed-skating races during the Winter Sports Carnival. The dates, and the races approved, are:

—Jan. 11-12, motor vehicle races.

—Jan. 18-19, ice-skating contests.

—Feb. 2, snowmobile racing from 8:30 to 5 p.m.

Andrea Snell, recreation supervisor for the Parks and Recreations Dept., said that the race schedule will be submitted to the City Council as soon as possible.

Deadline to pick up sale items is Friday

Deadline for picking up unsold sale items or checks for items that have been sold is 5 p.m. Friday, the chairmen of the Winter Sports Equipment Sale said today.

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The two chairmen, Kay B. Maynard and Eleanor E. Wilde, said all checks and merchandise are at the Department of Parks and Recreation offices at 874 North St. and may be picked up daily from 9 to 5. Persons coming for merchandise or checks must bring with them the owner's portion of the ticket attached to the article when it was brought in for the sale.

Carnival button contest results will be told

Winners in the Winter Sports Committee's contest for designs for a Winter Carnival button will be announced tonight.

The announcement will come at a meeting of the committee at 7:30 at Springside House. Chairman Robert E. Cartier said reports will also be heard on the recent Winter Sports Equipment Sale and from the chairmen of coming carnival events.

Contest winners will be at this evening's meeting to receive their awards. Cartier said the meeting, like all committee meetings, will be open to the public, and he invited persons interested in helping with the carnival to attend.

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Applications available for queen's contest

Applications still are available for the 30th annual winter carnival queen's contest and may be obtained from the Department of Parks and Recreation or from Mrs. Lucia Lizotte, of 5 Sunset St., contest chairman. The carnival is sponsored by the department's Winter Sports Committee.

To date, six applications have been received for the contest, for which a maximum of 16 applicants are allowed. Girls of ages 16 through 21 who live, work or attend school in Pittsfield may apply.



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Edward A. Flynn

FLYING DOWNHILL at Clapp Park is John Schmidt of 60 Lexington Pkwy., one of many area sledders who over the weekend made the best of icy and crusty conditions atop the Berkshire snow.



Coattail skating

The scene is The Common off First Street in Pittsfield. The skaters are on recess from nearby Plunkett School.

Joel Librizzi

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Joel Librizzi

SLEDLESS SLIDING was featured on the weekend at Clapp Park where, as elsewhere, freezing rain and sleet had created a hard, slippery crust. The youngsters walking in a line are reclimbing the hill in order to slide again, using a sand trail made by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Joel Librizzi

SILHOUETTED by a winter sun, skaters enjoy the use of the outdoor rink at Springside Park.



Who Needs It?

Looking disgruntled with the early onset of winter, a chubby canine makes the best of a cold deal at Clapp Park. Street hockey proceeds behind him.

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Joel Librizzi

Season opener

Starting the sliding season at Clapp Park off West Housatonic Street is 10-year-old Michael Coty of Lawrenceburg, Ky., who is visiting relatives in Pittsfield. A sprinkling of snow opened the season Wednesday and an overnight fall of more than two inches gave vacationing schoolchildren something to do today.

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Winter Arrives

Snow fell on the Berkshires this week, enough to bring out sliders on their Thanksgiving vacation. This youngster is going down the hill at Clapp Park.



Here We Come!

Skidding uncontrolled on the snow-slicked grass at Clapp Park, kids on plastic sliders holler warnings to those below to clear the way. There's no stopping them.

Park Dept. seeking part-time help

The Department of Parks and Recreation has part-time winter-sports positions available.

Workers are needed to operate ski tows, direct and supervise the skating areas and make ice, the department said. All positions are part-time and on a call-in basis as needed, depending on the weather. Further information is available from the department office at 874 North St., according to the announcement.

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Russo will chair Heart Fund drive

Louis J. Russo has been named chairman of the annual Heart Fund drive for Pittsfield, according to William B. Palmer, chairman of the Berkshire County Heart Fund campaign.

Heading divisions in Pittsfield will be J. Bruce Broyles, general business; Mrs. Edith Knowlton, Heart Sunday; Alexander D'Angelo, special gifts; William R. Barry, lawyers; Joseph Guitan, real estate; Fred S. Fahey, clubs and organizations; Dr. Herbert Rod, dentists; Dr. Henry Tulgan, physicians and membership; and Palmer, insurance division.

The drive will begin at the end of January throughout the county, said Palmer. Door-to-door canvassing will be conducted through February and will end Feb. 24, Heart Sunday.

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Aspirants for BRL will drill

Registration of candidates for the two Pittsfield Babe Ruth League divisions is being accepted at the Department of Parks and Recreation, 874 North St., it was announced by Louis Russo, league president. Tryouts will be conducted Saturday, April 27, at 10 a.m. and Monday April 29 through Friday, May 3 at the Common and Deming fields.

Seventy candidates are needed for the season. Selection of players will be made May 3 after the tryouts are completed.

Boys born prior to Aug. 1, 1961 and on or after Aug. 1, 1958 will be eligible. Boundaries for the National Division which will hold its tryouts at Deming, will be those used for the West and South Little Leagues. The American Division will tryout at the Common. Boys living in the North and East Little League sections will be in that division.

Russo announced that all boys are welcome to register whether or not they played Little League baseball. Candidates must attend two-thirds of the tryouts to be eligible for selection.

The season will open Saturday, June 1 at 1 p.m. at Wahconah Park.

A registration coupon appears in today's sports section of the Berkshire Eagle. Further information may be obtained from the Park Department office.

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BR League changes time for tryouts

One hundred thirty-nine boys between the ages of 13 and 15 have registered for the 1974 Babe Ruth League tryouts. Tryouts will be conducted at 9 a.m. tomorrow instead of 10 a.m., as previously announced, at Deming Park and the Common.

All boys living in the North and East Little League areas will report to the Common and boys living in the West and South Little League areas are to report to Deming Park. Tryouts will continue on Monday through Friday at 6 p.m. at the same fields.

The Babe Ruth League door-to-door, season-ticket drive will be held Sunday, May 19, with all Babe Ruth League players, coaches and officials taking part.

The league will open its 1974 season Saturday, June 1, at 1 p.m. at Wahconah Park.

Further information may be obtained by calling the Parks Department office.

10 Years Ago

Anthony F. Shannon, son of Mrs. Armand Berthiaume of 62 Chapman Road, was named assistant city editor of the *New York World-Telegram and Sun*. He was a 1947 graduate of Pittsfield High School.

Mike Doolan and Gene Curletti were given the Colin Keegan awards for sportsmanship and conduct at the annual dinner of the Pittsfield Babe Ruth Baseball League at the Highland Restaurant.

About 200 attended the March of Dimes annual ball at the Masonic Temple, and approximately $1,000 was realized. Sheriff John D. Courtney was county drive chairman.

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Louis Russo re-elected BRL head

Louis Russo was re-elected president of the Pittsfield Babe Ruth League at the first organizational meeting of the year of the board of directors Thursday night at Springside House. Other officers are William Harrington, vice president of the National division and Art Gwinnell vice president of the American division. John Marchesi was re-elected secretary-treasurer and Joseph Harrison, umpire in chief.

New officers named to the board were Rick Pierce and Mark Belanger, former Babe Ruth League star and now member of the Baltimore Orioles.

The league will be composed of 14 teams again this season. The league officers are preparing for expansion of the league in 1975.

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Pittsfield Babe Ruth Baseball League — 1974 Registration Coupon —

PLEASE PRINT

1. Name _____ Age ___
2. Birthdate: Month _____ Day ___ Year ___
3. Address _____ Phone ____
4. Did you play Little League baseball?
   Yes☐ No☐ Check one
5. What Little League? North☐ South☐
   East☐ West☐ Check one

When you have filled out this coupon put in an envelope and mail to:

Pittsfield Babe Ruth League Registration
Parks and Recreation Dept.
874 North St., Pittsfield

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Tryouts scheduled for Babe Ruth league

STOCKBRIDGE — The Stockbridge Babe Ruth baseball program will begin tryouts at the town field on Thursday at 4.

Participants must be between 13 and 15 years old on August 1. For information, contact Edward Shaw.

Babe Ruth League bars girls trying for Stockbridge team

STOCKBRIDGE — "Personally, I don't care if the girls try out, so long as they don't participate," Paul J. Gibbons Jr., president of the Southern Berkshire Babe Ruth League, said this morning of girls who are trying out for the Stockbridge team.

If girls were allowed to play, Gibbons explained, the league would lose its affiliation with the national organization and therefore local teams would be disqualified from competing in any national tourneys. This would presumably also make local teams ineligible for any state or regional tourneys.

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The Southern Berkshire league has a total of eight teams in Great Barrington, Sheffield, West Stockbridge and Lee, as well as West Stockbridge. Gibbons said the rules of the national organization limit competitors to boys, aged 13 to 15.

The two girls trying out for the Stockbridge team are Julie Martin of the Furnace District and Kim Ceanga of East Main Street, both 13 years old. They have been undergoing two weeks of tryouts that have included calisthenics, batting practice, fielding and running.

Julie, who would like to be an outfielder, has two brothers who are also trying out. Kim, who has her eye on the left-field berth, has one brother also trying out.

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As far as Stockbridge Coach Edward Shaw is concerned, the chances of the girls making the team are "as good as anyone else's." Selection will be made in another week, he said.

Stockbridge also has a team playing in the Tri-Town League, which is for children about the same age as those on Little League teams. However, the tri-town league is open to girls since it is not affiliated with the national Little League, which bars girls.

No girls have played in the Tri-Town League yet, but they're banging at the gates this year. Six girls are among the 21 youngsters who registered Saturday for the Stockbridge entry in the league.

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Mothers of Babe Ruth girls may seek help from courts

By Eileen Mooney

STOCKBRIDGE — The mother of a girl trying out for the Stockbridge Babe Ruth team plans to decide with her attorney today whether to ask the courts to rule on allowing her daughter to play in the league.

Mrs. Mary Ann Martin of the Furnace District said this morning that she will decide whether to press the matter after consulting with her attorney, James P. Dohoney of Lee. Mrs. Martin said legal expenses will also be a factor.

The mother of a second girl trying out for the team, Mrs. Peter Ceanga of East Main Street, said she is also investigating the legal aspects and plans to pursue the matter.

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"We should know within a day or so what we'll do," she said.

A court in New Jersey recently upheld the right of girls to participate in Little League baseball in that state.

Southern Berkshire Babe Ruth President Paul J. Gibbons Jr. said yesterday that under the rules of the national Babe Ruth organization league play is limited to boys between 13 and 15 years of age.

Team coach Edward Shaw said today that he will go along with Gibbons' statement "until I find out differently."

"The girls are still participating in the tryouts, but they know they're not trying out for the team," he said. Shaw said he has not discussed the matter with parents of either girl.

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Julie Martin and Kim Ceanga, both 13, registered for tryouts last week. Julie participated in a Tri-Town Baseball League game last summer. Both girls have brothers trying out for the Babe Ruth team.

Their mothers have said that the Tri-Town league for youngsters between 7 and 12 years of age was never officially open to girls before. It is open to them this year.

Mrs. Martin said that Julie started the farm team of the Tri-Town League about four years ago. It is an instructional league for younger participants.

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"Participation in the Babe Ruth league will eventually come to a head here or somewhere else," she commented. "If Julie doesn't make it on her own merits, fine. But let her try out."

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Contributions to be sought to open Ruth League to girls

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STOCKBRIDGE — Peter Ceanga of Goodrich Street plans to open a bank account next week to receive public donations for a legal fight aimed at getting his daughter, Kim, a chance to play on the local Babe Ruth team.

The account will be in his daughter's name and will specify that it is for the legal services, Ceanga said yesterday.

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If an organization offers him financial assistance, he will accept that, too. He does not want contributions mailed to his home and does not want to handle them himself, he said.

Ceanga, a design technician at General Electric Co. in Pittsfield, and his wife, a clerk at Nejaime's Market on Main Street, have two other daughters and three sons. One is trying out for the Babe Ruth team, also.

At 13, Kim is the youngest child.

"If she's not going to make the team, let it be for lack of merit, not for any other reason," her father declared.

Kim and Julie Martin, daughter of Mrs. Mary Ann Martin of Furnace District road, have been participating in tryouts for the local team. However, Paul J. Gibbons Jr., president of the Southern Berkshire Babe Ruth League, has said that they are not eligible for the team because players must, according to the rules of the national organization, be boys between 13 and 15 years of age.

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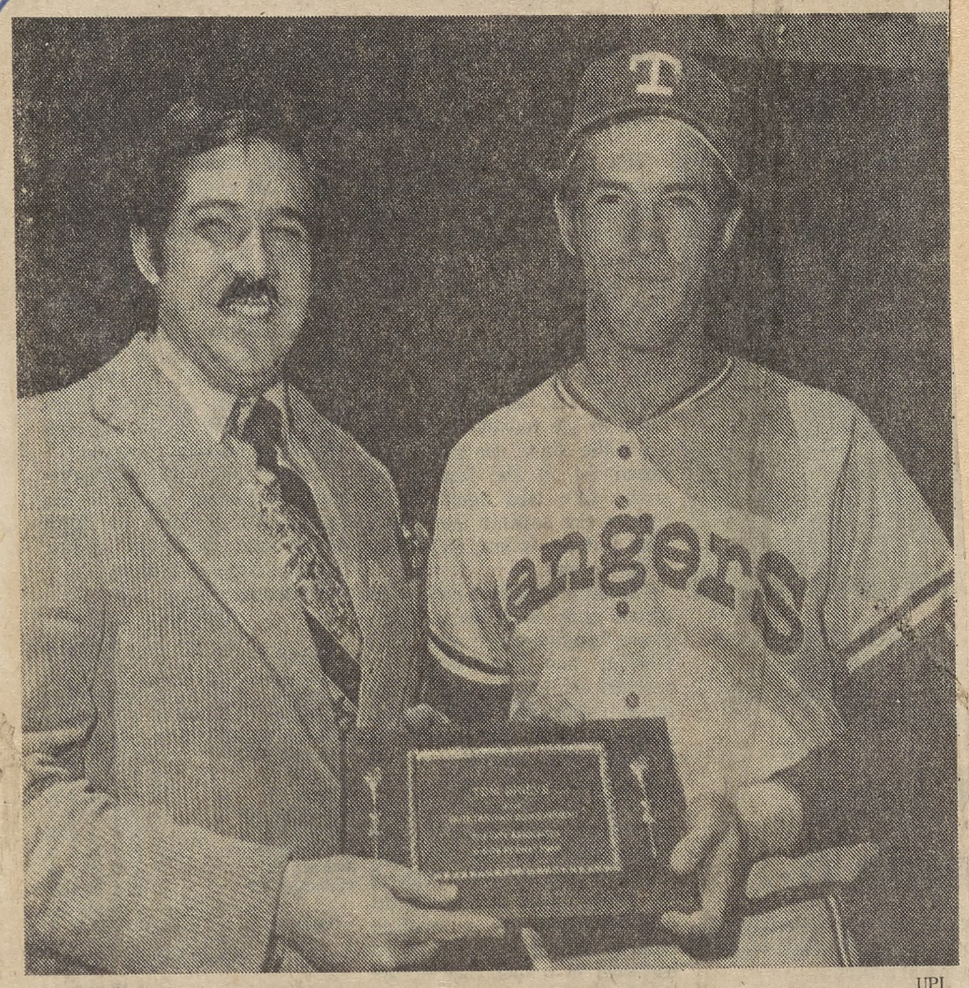
Local Babe Ruth coach Edward Shaw said that, accordingly, he has told the girls they cannot be on the team roster unless he hears differently.

Joseph G. Vosit of Lenox, attorney for Ceanga, said yesterday that he and James P. Dohoney of Lee, who represents Mrs. Martin, are "gathering our forces" and deciding "the most advantageous procedure."

"We're definitely going to do something," he emphasized. "We want quick action. We're hoping the nature of the team changes by the time league play starts June 3."

Vosit said he plans to discuss the rules with Babe Ruth officials.

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PRESENTING PLAQUE to Tommy Grieve for his work with the youth of Pittsfield is Mayor Evan Dobelle, left. Ceremony took place yesterday at Boston's Fenway Park just prior to the beginning of the doubleheader between the Texas Rangers and Boston Red Sox. Grieve was the star of the Rangers' 5-3 win in first game on his special day. He drove in two runs with two singles.

Dates listed for Brindle League boys

Dates for signups and tryouts in the Paul Brindle Baseball League were announced today.

Candidates between the ages of 13 and 15 should register Saturday from 4 to 6:30 and on Monday from 6 to 7.

The tryouts will start Tuesday at 6 for the North division at the Brown Street field and for the South division at Crosby Junior High. North and East Little league boundaries apply for North division aspirants, West and South Little League boundaries for South candidates.

An application blank for candidates is carried in today's edition.

Paul Brindle Baseball League

Name .....

Address .....

Age .....

Tel. No. .....

Throw..... Bat.....

Please fill in and bring to sign up

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Ban on girls in league is forum topic

STOCKBRIDGE — A public forum to discuss pending action on behalf of Kim Ceanga and Julie Martin of Stockbridge, ineligible to play Babe Ruth baseball because they are not boys, will be held Friday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Procter Hall, Stockbridge.

The forum, sponsored by the South County Branch of the Berkshire Women's Coalition, will also explore how much money is needed for legal fees, a Coalition representative said.

The girls' parents have said they want to overturn Babe Ruth regulations that limit play to boys between the ages of 13 and 15 years. Both girls are 13 years old.

No specific legal procedure has been chosen yet, according to Atty. Joseph Vosit of Lenox, who represents Kim. He said he plans to attend the forum.

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Babe Ruth League has opener today

The Pittsfield Babe Ruth League will start its 22nd season this afternoon with a doubleheader at Wahconah Park.

The defending city champion, GEAA, will meet Lipton Oil in the opener at 1 p.m. Western Mass. Supply, the defending American League champion, will play IUE Local 254 in the second game.

Mrs. Diane Jackman, director of administrative services, will represent Mayor Evan Dobelle in throwing out the first ball. BRL president Louis Russo will be the catcher. The VFW Post 448 color guard will raise the flag during the ceremonies.

GEAA coaches Louis Orazio Sr. and his son, Lou Jr. are expected to pitch Pete Gagne against Lipton's Ken Lussier. The Oilers are coached by Will Altman and Mike O'Brien.

Fran Wooden and Tom Bauwens of Western Mass. Supply probably will go with Steve Shea against IUE's Ron Navroski. Don Troy will direct the union team.

The probable batting order, with last year's batting average, is as follows:

GEAA	
Kevin O'Leary (.259)	1B
Frank Pelkey (.143)	ss
Mike Ryan (.394)	C
Tom Nash	LF
Pete Gagne (.394)	P
Jim Matteodo (.211)	RF
Doug LeBarbera (.435)	2B
Tim Colbert (.000)	3B
Dennis Messana (.267)	CF
LIPTON OIL	
Jay Murphy (.308)	CF
Ken Lussier (.000)	P
Jeff Altman (.289)	ss
Mark Bushey (.300)	1B
Mark Litano (.300)	C
Paul Gregory (.357)	LF
Jim Penna (.209)	3B
John Ryan (.091)	2B
Phil LeClair (.000)	RF
WESTERN MASS. SUPPLY	
Steve Shea (.200)	P
John Vuillemot (.063)	LF
Pete Bell (.118)	3B
Dan Milesi (.500)	1B
John Anderson (.047)	C
Matt Knight (.214)	12B
Mike Plankey (.143)	ss
Ed Bertoldi (.071)	RF
Bill Shea	CF
IUE LOCAL 254	
Bob Sweener	2B
P. J. Murphy (.147)	CF
Jeff Brothers (.391)	LF
Gary Barcher (.278)	ss
Mike Ostrikis (.280)	3B
Mike Phillips (.367)	C
Brian Cusson(.200)	1B
Chris Keegan (.200)	RF
Ron Navroski (.222)	P

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Babe Ruth League sets fund drive

The annual Babe Ruth League season ticket sale will be held house-to-house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow, League President Louis J. Russo announced today.

All National League division players, coaches and parents with automobiles are asked to report to Deming Park at 10 a.m. The American division is to report to the Common warming house at the same time.

The Babe Ruth League board of directors will be in charge of the drive, with the proceeds being used to help defray league expenses. More than $1,900 was raised in 1973. Mr. Russo expressed his sincere thanks to those who supported last year's drive, and said he hoped they would lend their support again.

Babe Ruth League hits record ticket-sale total

A record sun of $2020.70 was realized by the Pittsfield Babe Ruth Baseball League on Sunday in its annual door-to-door season-ticket sale, President Louis J. Russo announced today. He said that was more than $200 above the 1973 total.

Russo noted that there are a good number of parents driving uniformed salesmen on the solicitation. He said he wanted to thank them, the contributing public, league officials, coaches and players.

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Joel Librizzi

GETTING SIGNALS SET for the first-ball ceremonies that opened the Babe Ruth League yesterday is the battery of Mrs. Diane Jackman, second from left, assistant mayor, relief pitching for Mayor Evan Dobelle, who could not be present, and league president Lou Russo, right. Looking on are opening game pitchers Peter Gagne, left, of GEAA and Ken Lussier of Lipton's. Mrs. Jackman was the first woman to have the honor of opening the Babe Ruth Season. GEAA won the first contest 2-1.

GEAA, Local 254 win close Ruth openers

The Babe Ruth League opened yesterday at Wahconah Park with two close games. Defending city champion GEAA scored a run in the last of the sixth to beat Lipton Oil 2-1.

Pete Gagne was the hero for the winners. He drove in the winning run with a line single to right-center to score Dennis Messana from second. Messana had led off the inning with a single to right field and was sacrificed to second. Gagne also pitched well to score the win.

Jeff Altman, who pitched the sixth inning, took the loss. Ken Lussier started for the losers and Jay Murphy pitched the middle innings. Murphy was the only player in the contest with two hits, a single and a double.

The second game was also up for grabs with IUE Local 254 scoring in the top of the seventh to beat Western Mass. Supply 3-2. With two out P.J.Murphy reached on a walk, went to second on an error on an attempted pick-off play, advanced to third on a catcher's balk, and scored on a wild pitch. Losing pitcher Steve Shea deserved a better fate as he allowed 5 hits and 6 walks while striking out 17. Gary Barcher turned in an excellent relief job to pick up the win. Ron Navroski was the starter. Mike Ostrikis led the hitters with two singles and two RBIs. Games tonight: at North Jr. High-Comet Jewelers vs. Adams Super Market; at Deming-O'Connell Cadillac, Olds vs. Itam Lodge 564.

GEAA

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Pelkey, ss	2	0	0	1	1	1
Messana, rf,cf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Ryan, c	2	0	0	8	0	0
Gagne, p	3	0	1	0	1	0
Matteodo, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
O'Leary, 1b	3	0	0	9	0	0
Nash, cf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Harrington, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
LaBarbera, 2b	0	0	0	0	4	1
Colbert, 3b	1	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	19	2	2	21	7	2

LIPTON OIL

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Murphy, cf,p	4	0	2	1	0	0
Lussier, p,cf,1b	3	0	1	2	0	0
Altman, ss,p	4	0	1	0	3	0
Bushey, 1b,3b	2	0	1	4	0	0
Litano, c	3	0	1	4	0	0
Gregory, lf	2	0	0	4	0	1
Penna, 3b,ss	3	0	0	0	3	0
Ryan, 2b	3	1	1	2	0	0
LeClair, rf	2	0	0	1	0	1
Chiaretta, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	1	7	18	6	2

GEAA 000 010 x — 2
Lipton Oil 001 001 0 — 1

DP—Gagne, O'Leary, Colbert; LOB—GEAA 4, Lipton 7; RBI—Pelkey, Gagne; 2B—Murphy; SB—Matteodo, Bushey, Litano; S—Lussier, Ryan, Colbert; SF—Pelkey

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Gagne (W)	7	7	1	1	2	7
Lussier	2⅓	0	1	0	1	1
Murphy	2⅔	0	0	0	1	2
Altman (L)	1	2	1	1	0	0

T—1 hour, 37 mins.; PB—Litano
UMPIRES: Vin Zito and Al Bianchi

IUE LOCAL 254

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Sweener 2b,3b	4	0	0	1	1	1
Brothers, lf	3	1	1	2	0	0
Murphy, cf	2	1	1	2	0	0
Barcher, ss,p	2	1	1	1	0	0
Ostrikis, 3b,ss	4	0	2	2	2	0
Phillips, c	3	0	0	6	0	0
Keegan, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Madden, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cusson, 1b	2	0	0	5	0	0
Navroski, p	1	0	0	0	2	0
Mazzer, 2b	2	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	26	3	5	21	5	1

WEST. MASS. SUPPLY

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
S.Shea, p	3	0	0	0	0	0
Vuillemot, lf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Stockley, ss	2	0	1	1	0	0
Bell 3b, 2b	2	1	0	0	2	0
Milesi, 1b,rf	1	0	0	2	0	0
Anderson, c	3	0	0	17	0	1
Knight, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Plankey, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bertoldi, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Quetti, 1b	1	0	0	1	0	1
B.Shea, cf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	2	2	21	2	2

IUE Local 254 101 000 1 — 3
West. Mass. Supply 011 000 0 — 2

LOB—IUE-8, West. Mass.-6; RBI—Ostrikis 2, Knight; SB—Vuillemot, Brothers, Barcher, Cusson 2; S—Vuillemot; SF—Knight

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Shea (L)	7	5	3	2	6	17
Navroski	2	0	2	1	5	2
Barcher (W)	5	2	0	0	1	3

WP—Navroski, Shea
Balk—Shea
T—1 Hour, 55 minutes
Umpires— Ed Ladley, and Dave Kearns

Super Markets, O'Connell score wins in Ruth League

In widely contrasting games, Adams Super Markets defeated Comet Jewelers 3-0 and O'Connell Cadillac outlasted Itam Lodge 18-10 last night in the Babe Ruth League.

The O'Connell-Itam game was a two-hour, 48-minute slugfest in which 16 hits and 38 runs were scored and a total of five pitchers were used at Deming Field.

Tim Snyder turned in an excellent pitching performance for Adams Super Markets. He allowed only two singles and one walk while striking out six. Wayne Murphy pitched well in the losing cause, fanning 10.

No player had more than one hit. Bill Heaphy drove in both runs for Adams Super Markets, one with a sacrifice fly, and one with a single.

The winning pitcher for O'Connell's was Rick Fiero, with clutch relief work from Steve Durkee in the sixth inning.

Big hitters for O'Connell were Pete Harrington with a single and a double and John Brindle with a triple.

Mark Sheran had a single and two home runs for the losers. Jim Flynn had a triple for the Itam Lodge.

The defensive gem was a diving catch by O'Connell centerfielder Dan Houle.

Games tonight are as follows: Besse-Clarke vs. General Electric at North Junior High; and Union Federal vs. Irish-Americans at Deming.

The score:

ADAMS SUPER MKTS.

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Heaphy, CF	3	0	1	3	0	0
McKeever, 2B	2	0	0	1	1	0
Snyder, P	3	1	1	0	1	0
Barbarotta, C	3	0	1	6	0	0
White, SS	3	0	0	3	3	0
Hiser, 1B	3	0	0	6	0	0
Carr, LF	2	1	0	1	0	0
J. Larkin, 3B	2	1	1	1	2	1
Harrington, RF	2	0	1	0	0	0
Parzick, RF	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	3	5	21	7	1

COMET JEWELERS

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
M.Larkin, ss	3	0	0	2	3	0
Resnick, CF	3	0	1	2	1	0
W. Murphy, P	3	0	0	1	1	1
J. Murphy, C	3	0	0	10	1	1
Schneider, 3B	2	0	1	0	1	0
Kennedy, 1B	3	0	0	4	0	0
Phillips, 2B	2	0	0	0	0	0
Austin, 2B	0	0	0	1	0	0
Bishop, LF	2	0	0	1	0	0
Kelly, LF	0	0	0	0	0	0
Battaini, RF	1	0	0	0	0	0
Aitken, RF	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	0	2	21	7	3

Adams S.M. 100 010 1—3
Comet's 000 000 0—0

LOB — Adams 5, Comets 3; RBI — Heaphy 2, Barbarotta; 2B — Snyder; SB — McKeever; SF — Heaphy

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Snyder, W	7	2	0	0	1	6
W. Murphy, L	7	5	3	2	3	10

Time — 1 hour, 30 minutes
Umpires— Ed Ladley and Shaun Kirby

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GE, Irish score wins in Ruth League games

SPORTS

General Electric parlayed six hits, five walks and 10 errors into a 10-2 triumph over Besse-Clarke, and the Irish-Americans defeated Union Federal Savings & Loan 9-2 in Babe Ruth Baseball League games last night.

Mike Anello turned in a strong pitching performance for GE. He struck out 16 while walking five.

Bill Gregory and Ron Pzedpelski had a home run and a single each for GE. Gregory drove in three runs, Pzedpelski two.

Chris Porter, with a double and a single, and Mike Belair, with two singles, led the losers at the plate.

John Sokolowski struck out nine batters for the Irish-Americans. He also led his team with three hits.

Jim Maloy had a long triple for the losers. Mike Frawley was the losing pitcher. Both pitchers went the full seven innings.

Ed Filiault made two great catches for the Irish-Americans in center field.

In games tonight, IUE 255 will oppose the GEAA at Deming Field and VFW Post 448 will go against Western Massachusetts Supply at North Junior High.

The score:

GENERAL ELECTRIC

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Bartow, ss	1	1	0	0	0	0
Symanski, ss	2	0	0	0	0	1
Wilson, 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gross, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Anello, p	4	2	0	1	2	0
Gregory, lf	4	2	2	1	0	0
Przedpelski, 1b	4	2	2	5	0	0
Kendall, c	2	0	0	8	2	0
Breault, c	2	2	0	6	0	1
Daury, 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0
Pomeroy, 3b	1	0	1	0	0	0
Tucker, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Trova, rf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Gagliardi, cf	1	1	0	0	0	0
Bence, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	10	6	21	5	2

BESSE-CLARKE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
T.DiNicola, 2b	2	0	0	2	0	3
Abair, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
W.DiNicola, cf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Belair, 1b,p	3	0	2	4	1	0
Ma.Dunn, p,1b	2	0	0	5	1	0
M.Porter, 3b	3	0	0	0	2	2
Mickel, ss	4	1	1	0	2	1
Nichols, c	1	0	0	3	0	1
Ciejka, c	2	0	0	4	1	1
M.Dunn, lf	3	0	0	2	0	2
Ely, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
C.Porter, rf	2	1	2	0	0	0
Totals	28	2	6	21	7	10

GENERAL ELECTRIC 005 010 4—10
BESSE-CLARKE 000 011 0—2

LOB—G.E. 8, Besse Clarke 10; RBI—Belair, Wilson, Gregory 3, Przedpelski 2, Trova; 2B—Trova, W.DiNicola, C.Porter; HR—Gregory, Przedpelski; SB—Belair, Bartow, Anello 2, Breault, Gagliardi 3; S—Bartow, Kendall; SF—Wilson

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Anello (W)	7	6	2	2	5	16
Mark Dunn (L)	4	2	5	0	2	5
Belair	3	4	5	3	3	3

WP—Anello 2
PB—Kendall, Breault
Time— 2 hours, 2 minutes
Umpires— Joe Woitkoski and John Codey

JUN 6 1974

Rick Lisi is drafted by Rangers

Pittsfield High star Rick Lisi was drafted yesterday in the 13th round by the Texas Rangers. The announcement said he was taken for the Gastonia team of the Western Carolinas League.

Lisi undoubtedly will wait until he hears from the major league team. It was generally expected that he would be drafted, but it is also known that he is considering going to college. North Carolina State and Arizona State have been mentioned as possible places he may go, but much will depend on whether the Rangers offer him any money.

JUN 6 1974

Western Mass., GEAA BR victors by 4 runs

Both Pittsfield Babe Ruth League games were decided by four-run margins last night. Western Mass. Supply defeated VFW 5-1 at North Junior High and GEAA blanked IUE 255 4-0 at Deming Field.

Paul Stockley pitched a three-hitter for Western Mass. while walking just two and fanning 16. He also belted a single and home run to take batting honors in the game. Mike Plankey singled in two runs in the third. Scott Groves went the distance on the mound for the losers.

Mike Ryan pitched a two-hitter for the GEAA. He struck out 10. Kevin O'Leary had two hits for the victors. Mark Viale and Tom Bowler got the IUE safeties. Losing hurler Joe Yannone gave up only six hits.

IUE 254 will play Comet Jewelers tonight at North and Lipton's Oil will meet Itam Lodge at Deming.

The score:

Western Mass. Supply

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Messer, 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0
Quetti, 1b	1	0	1	1	0	0
Vuillemot, lf	3	1	0	0	0	0
Bertoldi, x,3b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stockley, p	4	1	2	1	0	0
Bell, 3b	3	1	1	0	0	1
B.Shea, lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Shea, cf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Anderson, c	1	1	0	15	2	0
Plankey, ss	4	0	1	3	0	0
C.Potter, 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Latini, rf	2	0	1	0	0	0
D.Potter, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Knight, 2b	2	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	31	5	9	21	2	1

VFW Post 448

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Mastalerz, ss	3	1	1	1	2	0
Groves, p	3	0	0	0	0	0
Rocca, 3b	2	0	1	3	3	2
Sanginetti, 2b	3	0	1	3	2	2
G.Tagliente, lf	2	0	0	1	0	1
Pero, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Crocker, cf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Avalle, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gniadek, 1b	1	0	0	4	0	0
Miller, 1b	2	0	0	3	0	1
O'Gara, c	2	0	0	4	9	0
Selvaggio, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
D.Tagliente, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	1	3	21	7	6

x hit into force for Vuillemot in 6th

Western Mass.	103 000 1 — 5
VFW	100 000 0 — 1

DP—Anderson, Plankey; Sanginetti, Gniadek; LOB—Western Mass. 9, VFW 3; RBI—Rocca, Stockley, Plankey 2; 2B—Bell; HR—Stockley; SB—Bell, S.Shea, Latini, Mastalerz, Rocca

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Stockley (W)	7	3	1	0	2	16
Groves (L)	7	9	5	1	5	4

T—1 hour, 34 minutes
Umpires: Dave Messer and Mark Vinette

Barbarotta paces Adams in BR win

Sparked by the heavy slugging of catcher Jay Barbarotta, Adams Super Markets trounced Besse-Clarke 13-4 last night in Babe Ruth play. Barbarotta knocked in six runs with a single, two doubles and a triple in four trips. His battery mate, Dave Hiser, had nine strikeouts and allowed only two earned runs.

The score:

ADAMS SUPER MARKETS

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Heaphy, cf	3	3	2	2	0	0
McKeever, 2b	2	1	0	0	0	0
Gerlach, 2b	0	1	0	0	0	0
Snyder, 1b	4	3	1	6	0	0
J. Barbarotta, c	4	0	4	9	0	0
White, ss	3	0	0	0	0	0
King, ss	0	0	0	0	0	1
Carr, lf	4	0	0	3	0	0
Hiser, p	4	2	3	0	5	0
V. Barbarotta, 3b	1	1	0	0	0	0
Larkin, 3b	1	1	0	0	0	0
Harrington	1	0	0	1	0	0
Flynn,	3	1	1	0	0	1
Totals	30	13	11	21	5	2

BESSE-CLARKE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
T.DiNicola, ss	4	0	0	3	1	2
W.DiNicola, 3b	3	2	2	0	0	0
Mark Dunn, p,1b	3	0	2	3	1	0
Blair, p,1b	3	0	2	3	1	0
M.Porter, cf	2	0	1	0	0	0
C. Porter, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mickle, 2b	2	1	0	0	4	1
Mike Dunn, lf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Nichols, c	2	0	1	1	0	1
Ciejka, c	1	0	0	1	0	0
Ely, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Aban, rf	1	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	29	4	8	18	7	4

z—Pinch hit for Mike Porter

Adams Super Mkts.	202 540 x—13
Besse Clarke	100 010 2— 4

DP—Besse Clarke 2, Adams Super Markets 0; LOB—Adams Super Markets 5, Besse Clarke 11; RBI—Blair 2, Heaphy 1, Snyder 2, J. Barbarotta 6; 2B—J. Barbarotta 2, Hiser 1, W. DiNicola 1; 3B—Mark Dunn 1, J. Barbarotta 1; SB—Heaphy 1, Snyder 1, J. Barbarotta 1; S—Blair 1, Mickle 1

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Hiser (W)	7	8	4	2	5	9
Blair (L)	3⅓	7	9	4	2	0
Mark Dunn	2⅔	4	4	4	3	2

HBP—Heaphy; WP—Hiser 1, Blair 2; BALK—Hiser 1; PB—None
Time: 1 hour, 35 minutes
Umpires: Messer, Woitkowski

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JUN 11 1974

UF defeats O'Connell's in 9-4 tilt

In a Babe Ruth League National Division game Saturday morning Union Federal Savings defeated O'Connell Cadillac 9-4 behind the two-hit pitching of Dan Miraglia. The two hits were a triple by Steve Yalle and a home run by Jim Burns.

Tom Arpante, Jim Maloy and Mike Frawley led Union Federal's nine-hit attack with two safeties each. The losing pitcher was Steve Durkee.

No games were played last night because of the junior high school proms. The Irish Americans will meet IUE 255 tonight in a National clash.

JUN 7 1974

Comet's, Itam triumph

Comet Jewelers turned back IUE 254, 7-5, in a Babe Ruth American League baseball game last night at North Junior High behind the two-hit pitching of Joe Murphy. Murphy also drove in two runs. Dan Phillips contributed a long triple and Frank Battaini rapped out two hits.

Losing pitcher Ron Navroski allowed seven hits and fanned nine. Just two runs off him were earned.

In the National circuit at Deming Field, Itam Lodge rolled to an 11-3 win over Lipton Oil. Winning pitcher John Robinson and reliever Frank Peplowski collaborated on a four-hitter. Mark Sheran led the attack with two hits including his third home run of the season.

Paul Gregory had two hits for Lipton's. Lipton's used four pitchers and Mark Latakas was charged with the defeat.

The score:

COMET'S

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Schmidt, 2b	3	2	1	2	2	2
Larkin, 3b	5	0	0	1	0	1
Riznic, cf	5	0	0	1	0	0
J.Murphy, p	3	0	1	0	4	0
W.Murphy, ss	3	1	1	0	3	1
Schneider, c	2	0	1	7	1	0
D.Phillips, 1b	3	1	1	9	0	1
Carpenter, lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
zBishop, lf	2	1	0	1	0	0
Fitzpatrick, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
zzBattaini, rf	3	1	2	0	0	0
Totals	30	6	7	21	10	5

IUE 254

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Madden, 2b	1	0	0	1	2	0
P.J.Murphy, cf, ss	2	2	1	0	1	1
Brothers, lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
M.Phillips, c	3	1	1	12	2	0
Barcher, ss, p	3	1	0	0	0	0
Ostrikis, 3b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Keegan, 2b	0	0	0	2	0	0
Cusson, 1b	3	0	0	3	1	2
Sweener, cf, 3b	3	0	0	1	1	2
Demarsico, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Mazzer, rf	1	1	0	1	0	0
R.Navroski, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
J.Navroski, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	5	2	21	9	5

Comet Jewelers	000 112 3—7
IUE 254	000 212 0—5

LOB — Comet Jewelers 12, IUE 254 7; RBI — Keegan, Bishop, W.Murphy, J. Murphy 2, Bataini; 2B — W.Murphy; 3B — D. Phillips; HR — None; SB — W. Murphy, P.J. Murphy 2, Phillips; R. Navroski; S — R. Navroski;

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
J. Murphy (W)	7	2	5	1	10	7
R.Navrocki (L)	6⅔	7	6	2	7	9
Barcher	⅓	0	0	0	0	1

HBP — W. Murphy, J. Schmidt; WP — R. Navroski, J. Murphy; Time — 2 hours, 5 minutes; Umpires — Ladley and Woitkowski.

Jim Snyder 3-hits IUE in BR loop

Adams Supermarkets, behind the three-hit pitching of Jim Snyder, blanked IUE 254 7-0 last night at North Junior High Field. Snyder fanned 10.

Bill Heaphy and John Barbarotta, with two hits each, left the winning attack. Gary Barcher had two of the three hits off Snyder.

The game at North tonight will match VFW and Besse-Clarke.

Lipton Oil scored an easy 14-4 win over O'Connell Cadillac at Deming Field. Ken Lussier was the winning pitcher with relief help from Mark Lakatas.

Top batters fro Lipton's were Mark Bradley, Mark Litano, Jeff Altman and Lussier with two hits each. Shane McColgan had a pair for the losers.

Tonight Union Federal will play IUE 255 at Deming. Tomorrow morning at 10 GEAA will go against Itam Lodge.

The score:

Adams Supermarkets

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Heaphy, cf	2	2	2	0	0	0
McKeever, 3b	4	1	0	2	1	0
Snyder, p	3	1	1	0	2	0
J. Barbarotta, c	3	1	2	11	1	0
Hiser, 1b	4	0	1	4	0	0
White, ss	4	0	0	2	0	1
Carr, lf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Gerlach, 2b	3	0	0	0	2	0
xParzick	0	1	0	0	0	0
Harrington, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Flynn, rf	1	1	0	0	0	0
King, 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	7	6	21	6	1

IUE Local 254

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
J. Wauroski, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Keegan, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mazzer, 2b	2	0	0	2	2	0
Madden, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Brothers, lf	2	0	0	3	0	0
Shepard, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Barcher, ss	3	0	2	2	1	1
Ostrikis, 3b	3	0	0	0	1	3
Phillips, c	3	0	0	8	2	0
Demassimo, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sweener, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cusson, 1b,p	2	0	1	4	0	1
Navorski, p, 1b	2	0	0	1	1	1
Totals	23	0	3	21	7	6

x—Pinch ran for Gerlach in 7th

Adams Supermarkets 300 000 4-7

DP—Adams Super Markets 2, IUE Local 254 0; LOB—Adams Super Markets 6, IUE Local 254 3; RBI—Snyder 2, J. Barbarotta 1; 2B—Heaphy 1; SB—Heaphy 1, Snyder 1, J. Barbarotta 1, Carr 1;

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Snyder (W)	7	3	0	0	1	10
R. Navroski (L)	6⅓	4	4	1	3	4
Cusson	⅔	2	3	0	0	2

HBP—Heaphy 2; WP—R. Navroski; BALK—None; PB—J. Barbarotta.
Time: 1 hour, 33 minutes
Umpires: J. Woitkowski and D. Woitkowski

JUN 14 1974

Irish, GE score wins in BRL

Filiault's hit beats IUE 255 in 3-2 game

The Irish-Americans came from behind to defeat Local IUE 255 by a 3-2 score, and the General Electrics beat the Veterans of Foreign Wars 5-3 in Babe Ruth League play last night.

Ed Filiault, who had three hits for the Irish, drove in the winning run with his third hit after Rob Turner singled to tie the score.

Tom Lussier pitched a two-hitter for the Irish-Americans, striking out seven.

Dennis Cyr, Mark Mancivalano, Lussier and Barry Benham had two hits each for the winners. The losing pitcher was Bruck Linker, who did well in the clutch until the seventh.

Gregg Gagliardi was winning pitcher for GE. He went the distance, and struck out 12. All of the GE runs came on homers. Three scored on Bill Gregory's circuit clout, two on Steve Daury's roundtripper.

Games tonight will pit GEAA against Itam Lodge and Comet Jewelers against Western Massachusetts Supply.

The score:

GENERAL ELECTRIC

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Symanski, ss	1	1	0	0	1	0
Bartow, ss	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gross, 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Anello, lf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Gregory, 1b, cf	2	2	1	0	0	0
Przedpolski, 1b	3	0	2	7	0	1
Breault, c	1	0	0	6	0	0
Kendall, c	1	0	0	7	0	0
Daury, 3b	3	1	1	0	2	0
Pomeroy, 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trova, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Tucker, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gagliardi, p	3	0	0	0	4	1
Bence, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	5	4	21	7	2

VFW POST 448

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
D.Tagliente, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Miller, cf	2	1	1	0	0	0
Masterlecz, ss	3	0	1	0	1	3
Rocca, p	4	0	2	0	3	0
Sanginetti, 2b	3	0	2	2	1	0
Gniadek, 3b	4	0	0	6	0	0
G.Tagliente, lf	4	1	1	0	1	0
Groves, c	3	1	2	9	0	0
Availle, rf	1	0	0	0	1	0
O'Gara, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Crocker, 3b	2	0	1	1	1	0
zSeluaggio, ph	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	3	10	18	8	3

z— Pinch hit for Crocker in 7th

General Electric	102 020 x—5
VFW Post 448	020 000 1—3

LOB — General Electric 6, VFW Post 448, 9; RBI — Masterlecz, Sangionetti, Crocker, Gregory 3; Daury 2; 3B — None; HR — Gregory, Daury; SB — Masterlecz, Sanginetti 3, Gregory, Trova; S—Availle

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Gagliardi (W)	7	10	3	3	2	12
Rocca (L)	6	4	5	5	3	9

HBP — Anello, Breault; WP — Rocca; T — 1:46; Umpires — Woitkowski and Laddley

JUN 12 1974

Besse-Clarke IUE 255 win in Babe Ruth

Besse-Clarke took advantage of some wild pitching to run up an 11-0 shutout victory over VFW in the American League, while IUE 255 defeated Union Federal Savings, 9-6, on a two-hitter in the National League last night in Babe Ruth action.

Besse-Clarke jumped into an eight-run lead in the first inning, getting just one hit, but scoring often through the wildness of pitcher Don Pero. He was removed from the mound after retiring just one Besse-Clarke batter. Mark Dunn was the winning pitcher, himself slamming three hits and scoring three RBI's.

Dave Heidel pitched the IUE to victory, while Tom Bowler had two hits for his winning team. Losing pitcher Mike Frawley gave up only six hits.

Today at 10 a.m., GEAA is scheduled to play ITAM Lodge, while Comet Jewelers goes against Western Mass Supply in a make-up game. Jim Maloy made a fine running catch for Union Federal, while Jeff Caden was outstanding in the hitting department with a triple.

Union Federal

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
T.Arpante, lf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Drennan, 3b	2	1	0	0	1	1
Frawley, p	3	1	0	0	2	1
Tierney, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maloy, cf,rf	5	1	1	1	0	0
R.Arpante, cf, p	4	1	1	1	0	1
Muraglia, ss	1	1	0	0	1	0
Montisanti, ss	0	0	0	0	1	1
Malec, ss	0	0	0	1	0	0
Ditmar, 2b	3	1	0	0	0	0
Haves, 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moran, 1b	2	0	0	7	0	0
Nugai, c	3	0	0	4	0	0
Niarchos, c	1	0	0	3	0	0
Totals	25	6	2	18	5	4

IUE 255

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Bowler, cf	3	1	2	0	0	0
Messana, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fox, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Puskey, rf	1	1	0	0	0	0
Yanonne, ss	3	1	1	2	1	2
Viale, c	1	1	1	5	1	0
Mackey, c	1	0	0	4	0	1
Caden, lf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Tetlow, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jamross, 1b,p	3	1	0	4	0	0
Linker, 2b	2	2	1	1	0	0
Lester, 2b	0	0	0	0	1	0
Gardner, 3b	1	1	0	4	3	1
Heidel, p,1b	2	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	23	9	6	21	6	4

IUE 255 001 260 0—9
UNION FEDERAL 302 001 0—6

Besse-Clarke

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Ely, 2B	2	0	2	1	1	0
Abar, 2B	2	1	1	1	1	0
W. DiNicola, CF	3	2	2	0	0	1
Mark Dunn, P	4	1	3	2	0	0
Belair, 1B	3	1	1	5	0	1
M. Porter, 3B	3	1	0	1	1	1
Mickle, SS	4	1	0	2	2	0
Mike Dunn, LF	1	1	0	0	0	0
C. Porter, RF	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ciejka, C	4	1	1	7	0	0
Murphy, LF, RF	2	2	0	2	0	0
Totals	30	11	10	21	5	3

VFW Post 448

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Masterlz, CF	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crocker, CF, SS	3	0	0	1	0	0
Sanginetti, 2B,SS	3	0	2	0	2	0
Rocca, 3B	3	0	0	3	4	2
G. Tagliente, LF	1	0	0	1	0	0
Avalle LF	2	0	0	0	0	0
Miller, SS	2	0	1	2	1	1
P.Tagliente, Z,CF	1	0	0	1	0	0
O'Gara, C	2	0	1	3	1	0
Gnladek, B	3	0	0	7	0	0
Selvaggio, RF	3	0	1	1	0	0
Pero, P	0	0	0	0	0	0
Groves, P	3	0	0	1	2	0
Totals	26	0	5	27	19	3

Z—Pinch hit for Miller in 6th

Besse-Clarke 302 010 0—11

JUN 15 1974

Gagne and Murphy pitch to wins in Ruth League

Superb pitching by Pete Gagne of GEAA and Joe Murphy of Comet Jewelers featured play in the Babe Ruth League on Saturday morning. Gagne struck out 10 in blanking Itam Lodge 7-0 on a six-hitter and Murphy struck out 14 and allowed only two hits in beating Western Massachusetts Supply 4-2. Both of the runs off him were unearned.

Gagne also banged out a two-RBI triple and a single to lead his team at bat. Jim Matteodo also tripled, and Kevin O'Leary had two of GEAA's 10 hits.

Frank Poplowski and Jody DiMassimo had two hits each for Itam Lodge.

GEAA played sharp defense in backing up Gagne, making several good plays in the field.

The combined pitching of Steve Shea and Paul Stockley made the game close for Western Mass. Joe Murphy had the big hit for Comet Jewelers. It was a two-run triple.

Games tonight will pit the Irish-Americans against Itam Lodge and General Electric against the Comet Jewelers.

The scores:

Pick up set

GEAA

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
F. Pelkey, SS	3	1	0	0	2	0
D. Messana, CF	2	1	1	1	0	0
M. Ryan, C	4	1	1	11	0	1
Pete Gagne, P	3	3	2	2	2	0
K. O'Leary, 1B	4	0	4	6	1	0
J. Matteodo, LF	4	0	1	1	0	0
T. Nash, RF	2	0	1	0	0	0
P. Crawley, x	1	0	0	0	0	0
D. Harrington, RF	1	0	0	0	0	0
J. Kelly, RF	0	0	0	0	0	0
D. Labarbera, 2B	3	0	0	0	1	0
Pat Gagne, 2B	1	0	1	0	0	0
S. Murphy, 3B	1	0	0	0	0	1
E. Stammer, xx	0	1	0	0	0	0
T. Colbert, 3B	3	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	7	10	21	6	2

Itam Lodge

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Dan Sheran, SS	3	0	0	2	1	2
K. Martin, LF	2	0	0	1	0	0
Mark Sheran, CF	1	0	0	2	0	0
B. Mahoney, 1B	3	0	1	6	0	0
J. DiMassimo, C	3	0	2	6	1	0
S. Hurley, 3B	3	0	0	1	0	0
J. Flynn, RF	3	0	1	1	0	0
S. Gimlewicz, 2B	1	0	0	0	0	0
M. White, 2B	2	0	0	1	1	0
R. Taikowski, P	0	0	0	1	1	0
F. Peplowski, P	3	0	2	0	1	1
Totals	24	0	6	21	5	3

x—Pinch hit for Nash in 5th
xx—Pinch ran for Murphy in 3rd

GEAA 013 020 1—7
Itam Lodge 000 000 0—0

RBI—Pete Gagne-2, Pat Gagne-1, O'Leary-2, Matteodo-1; 3B—Flynn, Pete Gagne, Matteodo; SB—Nash, Messana, Pete Gagne, Ryan; S—Martin, Messana

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Pete Gagne (w)	7	6	0	0	2	10
Rick Taikowski (l)	2	1	2	2	2	2
Frank Peplowski	5	9	5	4	1	4

HBP—Dennis Messana
Time—1 hour, 50 minutes
Umpires—Ray Griffin, Dave Messer

Comet Jewelers

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Larkin, 3B	3	1	0	0	0	0
Resnic, CF	3	0	0	0	0	0
W. Murphy, SS	2	1	1	1	1	1
J. Murphy, P	3	1	1	1	0	0
Schneider, C	1	1	1	14	2	0
Kennedy, 1B	1	0	0	2	0	0
Bishop, LF	3	0	0	0	0	0
Aitkin,Rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Batitini, RF	1	0	0	2	0	0
Schmidt, 2B	2	0	0	0	0	1
Phillips, 2B	0	0	0	1	0	2
Totals	21	4	3	21	3	4

Western Mass. Supply

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
S. Shea, CF-P	4	0	0	1	1	0
Voillemat, CF-LF	2	0	1	0	0	0
B. Shea, LF	0	0	0	1	0	0
Stockley, P-SS	4	0	1	0	1	0
Bell, 3B-2B	3	0	0	2	0	0
Milesi, RF	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bertoldi, RF	1	1	0	0	0	0
Plankey, SS-3B	4	0	0	0	3	0
Anderson,C	3	0	0	12	1	0
Quetti, 1B	1	1	0	2	1	0
Latini, LF	0	0	0	0	0	0
Knight, 2B	0	0	0	0	0	0
Messer, 2B	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	2	2	18	7	0

Comet Jewelers 202 000 —4
Western Mass. 000 002 0—2

DP—None; LOB—Comet Jewelers 6, Western Mass. 10; RBI—J. Murphy 2, Schneider 1; 2B—Schneider; 3B—J. Murphy; HR—None; SB—Larkin 2, W. Murphy 2, Schneider 2; S—Voillemot; SF—None

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Murphy (W)	7	2	2	0	8	14
S. Shea (L)	3	3	4	2	4	7
Stockley	3	0	0	0	3	6

HBP—None
WP—Murphy
Balk—None
PB—None
T—1 hour, 57 minutes
UMPIRES—Kirby, Vinette

JUN 17 1974

Wayne Murphy in no-hitter in Ruth play

Wayne Murphy threw a no-hitter for Comet Jewelers in a 4-1 win over General Electric in a Babe Ruth League game last night. The score off him was unearned. He struck out 12.

Joe Murphy (no relation) drove in two runs for the Comets.

The score:

COMET JEWELERS

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Kelly, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Resnic, cf	2	0	1	2	0	0
Larkin, 3b	3	1	0	0	0	1
W.Murphy, p	2	0	1	0	2	1
J.Murphy, ss	3	0	1	1	0	0
Schneider, c	4	1	1	12	3	0
D.Phillips, 1b	0	0	0	2	0	0
Kennedy, 1b	2	1	1	2	1	0
Austin, 2b	2	0	0	1	1	0
Schmidt, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Carpenter, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Battini, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bishop, lf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Trova, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	4	5	21	8	2

GENERAL ELECTRIC

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Bence, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tucker, rf	1	0	0	1	1	0
Pomeroy, 3b	1	0	0	1	0	0
Daury, 3b	1	0	0	2	0	0
Anello, p	2	1	0	3	2	0
Gregory, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Przedpulski, 1b	3	0	0	4	0	1
Kendall, c	2	0	0	5	1	0
Breault, c	1	0	0	3	0	0
Gagliardi, cf	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bartow, ss	2	0	0	0	3	0
Wilson, 2b	1	0	0	1	1	0
Symanski, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	1	0	21	8	2

COMET JEWELERS 011 010 1—4
GE 000 100 0—1

DP—Comet Jewlers 1, GE 1; LOB—Comet Jewlers 8, GE 2; RBI—Joe Murphy 2; SB—Annello, Gagliardi, Battini Carpenter, Kennedy, Schneider, J. Murphy; S—Phillips

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
W. Murphy (W)	7	0	1	0	3	12
Anello (L)	7	5	4	3	7	1

HBP—Carpenter; WP—Anello
Time: 1 hour, 50 minutes
Umpires: Gwinnell and Harrison

JUN 18 1974

Snyder hurls second straight shutout

Tim Snyder hurled his second shutout in succession last night to lead Adams Super Markets to its 9-0 Babe Ruth League victory over VFW Post 448. O'Connell's scored twice in the last of the seventh to edge IUE Local 255 9-8 in the other game.

Snyder allowed only two hits and fanned seven. His mates provided him with a three-run first inning. John Barbarotta had a pair of hits, including a triple, and drove in three runs. Bill Heaphy also had two hits.

John Shreenan with a pair of hits and John Brindle with a triple were the top hitters for O'Connell's. Steve Durkee picked up the win in relief. Paul Jamross and Bob Mackey had two hits for the union team and Tom Bowler added a triple.

In a National League game Monday that was called after seven innings because of darkness, Itam Lodge and the Irish-Americans played a 2-2 tie.

John Sokolowski and Scott Hurley permitted only four hits each. Sokolowski also slammed a pair of singles and drove in a run for the Irish-Americans. Jim Flynn had two of Itam's hits.

The scores:

ITAM LODGE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
D. Sheran, ss	4	1	0	0	1	0
Martin, lf	2	0	1	3	0	0
Wood, c	2	0	0	3	1	0
M. Sheran, cf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Mahoney, 1b	3	0	1	9	0	0
DiMassimo, 2b	3	0	0	3	3	0
Flynn, rf	3	1	2	2	0	0
Hurley, 3b,p	2	0	0	0	2	0
Robinson, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
White, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0
x-Peplowski	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	2	4	21	8	0

IRISH AMERICAN

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Filiault, cf	4	1	1	2	0	0
Lussier, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tuner, ss	3	1	0	0	1	0
Doucette, 1b	3	0	0	7	0	0
Sokolowski, p	3	0	2	0	2	0
Benham, 3b	2	0	0	0	4	0
Hines, 2b	3	0	0	2	2	1
Revord, rf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Mancy, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Morris, c	1	0	0	5	0	0
Cyr, c	2	0	0	5	0	0
Totals	5	2	4	21	9	1

x- pinch hit for Robinson in 5th

ITAM 100 100 0—2
IRISH 200 000 0—2

DP — Benham, Morris, D. Sheran, DiMassimo, Mahoney; RBI — M. Sheran, Sokolowski, Benham; SB — Filiault, Flynn - 4, Wood; S — Benham - 2, Revord

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	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Burt, SS	5	2	1	5	3	0
Heaphy, CF	4	1	2	1	0	0
Snyder, P	1	1	0	1	2	0
J. Barbarotto, 1B, C	3	1	2	6	0	0
McKeever, 2B	3	0	1	0	4	0
Gerlach, 2B	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hiser, 1B	2	0	0	4	0	0
Parzek, C	1	1	1	2	0	0
White, 3B	2	1	1	1	0	2
Larkin, 3B	2	0	1	0	0	0
Carr, LF	2	1	0	1	0	0
Flynn, LF	2	0	1	0	0	0
V. Barbarotto, RF	1	1	0	0	0	0
Harrington, RF	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	9	11	21	9	2

VFW Post 448

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Masterlz, CF, LF	4	0	1	2	0	2
Sanginetti, 2B	1	0	0	1	0	0
zz D. Tagliente, 2B	1	0	0	1	0	0
LaRochelle, 3B	2	0	0	1	3	1
Rocca, P, 1B	3	0	0	1	1	0
Graves, C	2	0	0	2	0	0
O'Gara, C	1	0	0	2	0	1
Crocker, CF, LF	1	0	0	0	0	0
Selveggio, LF	1	0	0	0	0	0
G. Tagliente, RF	2	0	0	1	0	0
Auaille, RF	1	0	1	0	0	0
Miller, SS	2	0	0	2	1	0
Gniadek, 1B	1	0	0	5	1	0
z Pero, P	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	0	2	18	6	4

z—pinch hit for Gniadek in 5th
zz—pinch hit for Sangenotti in 5th

Adams 300 321 x—9

LOB—VFW 7, Adams 11; RBI—J. Barborotta 3; 3B—J. Barborotta 1, White 1; SB—Heaphy, J. Barborotta, LaRochelle; SF—Snyder

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Snyder (w)	7	2	0	0	2	7
Rocca (l)	4	7	7	3	2	2
Pero	2	4	3	1	3	2

HBP—V. Barborotta, Sanginetti
Time—1 hour, 45 minutes
Umpires—Laddler and Harrison

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Bowler, cf	2	2	1	2	0	0
Giardina, 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Yannone, ss	3	1	0	1	0	0
Viale, c	3	2	0	10	0	0
Caden, lf	3	1	0	0	0	0
Mackey, 1b, rf	3	1	2	3	0	0
Jamross, p, 1b	4	1	2	0	2	0
Gardner, 3b	3	0	0	2	1	1
Puskey, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Heidel, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Linker, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	8	5	19	3	1

O'CONNELL

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Fiero, 3b	2	0	0	1	6	0
Brindle, 2b	4	1	1	1	0	0
Lacarde, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Shreenanlo, ss	4	2	2	1	5	1
Houle, p, 1b	2	2	1	11	0	1
Burns, cf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Funk, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Durkee, 1b, p	3	2	1	2	2	0
Valle, rf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Connally, rf	2	0	1	0	0	0
McColgan, lf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Ferguson, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Harrington, c	2	0	1	3	0	2
Lefkowitz, c	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	30	9	9	21	13	4

IUE 301 130 0—8
O'CONNELL 002 401 2—9

DP — Fiero, Houle, Harrington; RBI — Giardina, Viale, MacKey-2, Jamross, Gardner, Fiero, Houle, Burns, Durkee, McMolgan-2, Ferguson, Harrington-2; 3B — Bowler, Brindle; SB — Houle, Shreenan, Bowler, Viale-2, Caden, MacKey, Jamross

Pete Gagne hurls Babe Ruth no-hitter

Pete Gagne of GEAA hurled a near-perfect no-hit game at Union Federal, and Paul Stockley of Western Mass. Supply turned in a 21-strikeout performance but settled for a tie last night as pitching continued to highlight Babe Ruth League action.

Gagne allowed only one runner and struck out 14 batters in whitewashing the Bankers 2-0 at Deming Field. He fanned the side in order three times and gave just one base on balls. His own sacrifice fly in the first inning drove in the first GEAA run, and he cracked a single in the fourth.

The victory, Gagne's third straight, moved GEAA into first place in the National Division. Dan Miraglia hurled well in defeat, pitching a five-hitter, one of which was Jim Matteodo's double.

Stockley compiled his 21 Ks while pitching 10 strong innings against Besse-Clarke. He allowed one earned run and seven hits, four of them by opposing pitcher Tim Carroll.

Carroll pitched a four-hitter and fanned nine. His undoing was Dan Milesi's two-run double in the third. Darkness brought an end to the game after 10 innings.

Tonight, IUE 254 will meet General Electric at Northfield, and Lipton's will play the Irish-Americans at Deming.

GEAA

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Pelkey, ss	2	1	0	0	0	0
Ryan, c	3	0	1	14	0	0
Matteodo, lf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Peter Gagne, p	3	0	1	0	2	0
O'Leary, 1b	2	0	0	4	2	0
Messana, cf	2	1	0	0	0	0
LaBarbera, 2b	1	0	0	3	0	0
Nash, rf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Stamer, z	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harrington, rf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Pat Gagne, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murphy, 3b	0	0	0	0	1	0
Colbert, 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0
Crowley, zz	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	2	5	21	6	0

UNION FEDERAL

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Ditmar, 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Montasanti, c,ss	1	0	0	1	0	0
Maloy, cf, rf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Frawley, 3b	3	0	0	3	4	0
Sabato, 1b	2	0	0	4	0	0
Malec, ss	0	0	0	1	0	0
Niarchos, x	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nugai, c	0	0	0	1	0	0
Maraglia, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
Moran, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
R.Arpanti, cf	1	0	0	3	0	0
Tierney, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
T.Arpante, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Drennan, c, ss	3	0	0	3	1	0
Totals	21	0	0	18	6	0

x-Pinch hit for Malec in 5th
z-Pinch run for Nash in 5th
zz-Pinch run for Harrington in 6th

GEAA	100	100	x—2

DP—Miraglia, Nugai, Frawley; RBI—Peter Gagne, Colbert; 2B—Matteodo; SB—Ryan, Pelky, Messana, LaBarbera (2); SF—Peter Gagne

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Peter Gagne	7	0	0	0	1	14
Dan Miraglia	7	5	2	2	5	3

Time— 1 hour, 27 minutes
Umpires— Dave Kearns and Shaun Kirby

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BESSE-CLARKE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Belair, 1b,lf	4	1	2	3	0	0
Mark Dunn, 1b	4	0	0	14	4	0
W.DiNicola, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Carroll, lf,p	4	1	4	1	5	0
Regan, c	5	0	0	6	6	0
Mike Porter, 3b	4	0	0	2	3	0
Mickle, ss	4	0	0	3	1	1
Murphy, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Dunn, rf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Ely, 2b	0	0	0	0	1	0
x-C. Porter, ph	1	0	0	0	0	0
Abair, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
xx Ciejka, pr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nichols, 2b	1	0	0	1	1	1
Totals	40	2	7	30	21	2

WESTERN MASS.

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Knight, 2b	4	1	1	0	1	0
S.Shea, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Stockley, p	3	1	1	0	3	0
Milesi, c	5	0	1	21	0	2
Bell, 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Voillemot, 3b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Quetti, 1b	3	0	1	6	0	0
Plankey, ss	2	0	0	3	2	1
W.Shea, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
z Messer, lf,ph	3	0	0	0	0	0
Bertoldi, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
zz Potter, ph	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anderson, pr, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	2	4	30	7	3

x-batted for Ely in 5th
xx-ran for Porter in 5th
z-batted for Shea in 6th
zz-batted for Bertoldi in 6th

Western Mass.	002	000	000	0—2
Besse-Clarke	100	100	000	0—2

LOB—Besse-Clarke 9, Western Mass. 12; RBI—Carroll, Milesi 2; 2B—Milesi; SB—Belair, Carroll 4, Stockley 1; S—S. Shea, Voillemot, Quetti, Plankey, Mark Dunn, W. DiNicola

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Carroll	8	4	2	2	6	9
Dunn	2	0	0	0	3	0
Stockley	10	7	2	1	3	21

WP—Stockley
Time— 2 hours, 20 minutes
Umpires—Wojtkowski and Messer

GE, Lipton Oil triumph in Babe Ruth League

JUN 21 1974

General Electric turned back IUE 254, 4-3, and Lipton Oil won from the Irish - Americans, 7-2, in Babe Ruth League games last night.

Gregg Gagliardi settled down nicely on the mound for GE after giving up three runs in the first inning. He allowed only four hits, and struck out eight.

Ron Przedpelski was the batting star for GE with a triple, a double and two RBIs, and he scored once himself.

Ken Lussier threw a three-hitter for Lipton Oil.

His brother Tom was the starting pitcher for the Irish - Americans. He had control problems, and was charged with the loss. It was the first setback for the Irish. Mark Litano had a triple for Lipton Oil. Barry Benham tripled for the Irish - Americans.

There were two outstanding catches by center fielder Jay Murphy and one by left fielder Paul Gregory, both of Lipton Oil.

Itam will go against IUE 255, and Comet Jewelers will oppose VFW in league games tonight.

The scores:

GENERAL ELECTRIC

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
A nello, lf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Tucker, rf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Bence, rf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Daury, 3b	3	0	0	1	1	0
Pomeroy, 3b	1	0	1	0	1	0
Przedpelski, 1b	3	1	2	8	0	0
Gagliardi, p	3	0	0	0	0	0
Breault, c	2	1	1	4	0	0
Kendall, c	0	0	0	4	0	0
Bartow, ss	1	0	1	1	0	0
Wilson, 2b	1	0	1	1	0	0
Symanski, 2b,ss	1	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	26	4	8	21	6	0

IUE 254

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Sweener, 3b	2	0	0	0	2	0
Shepard, rf	1	0	0	0	1	0
Brothers, lf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Ostcikis, cf	2	1	0	2	1	0
Barcher, ss	2	1	1	1	1	1
Madden, 3b,2b	3	0	1	0	1	0
Cusson, 1b	2	0	0	6	1	0
Mazzer, c	3	0	0	8	0	0
Keegan, 2b,rf	3	0	1	3	0	0
Jester, p	1	0	0	1	1	0
R. Navaroski, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	24	3	4	21	9	1

General Electric	110	020	0—4
IUE 254	300	000	0—3

LOP—GE 10, IUE 254 3; RBI—Przedpolski 2, Madden, Cusson, Mazzer; 2B—Przedpelski; 3B—Przedpelski; SB—Gagliardi, Wilson, Keegan, Barcher, Brothers, Przedpelski; S—Symanski, Kendall 2; SF—Gagliardi, Cusson

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Gagliardi (W)	7	4	3	3	1	8
Lester,	4	5	2	2	3	6
R.Navaroski (L)	3	3	2	2	2	2

HBP—Barlow
Time: 1 hour, 45 minutes
Umpires: Hadley and Vinette

LIPTON OIL

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Murphy, cf	3	1	0	4	0	0
Ken Lussier, p	2	1	0	1	2	0
Altman, ss	3	0	1	1	1	0
Bushey, 1b	4	0	1	5	1	0
Litano, c	3	1	1	4	1	0
Gregory, lf	3	1	0	1	0	0
Chiaretta, 3b	2	1	0	0	0	0
Ryan, 2b	1	1	0	2	2	0
LeClair, rf	1	1	0	3	0	0
DiOrio, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	7	3	21	7	0

IRISH AMERICAN

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Filiault, cf	2	1	0	2	0	0
T. Lussier, p,ss	2	0	0	0	1	1
Turner, ss,p	4	0	0	0	2	0
Doucette, 3b,1b	3	0	1	4	0	1
Cyr, c	2	0	0	3	0	0
Morris, c	0	0	0	1	0	0
Revord, lf	2	0	1	2	0	0
Mancivilano, lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quadrozzi, b	3	0	0	3	0	0
Hines, 2b	2	0	0	1	1	1
Trembly, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benham, 3b	2	1	1	1	1	0
Fitzimmons, 2b	0	0	0	0	1	1
Sokolowski, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
X—Perrault	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	2	3	18	6	4

X—Ran for Cyr in 6th

Irish American	100	000	1—2
Lipton Oil	050	002	x—7

RBI—Turner, Bushey 2, Litano, Murphy; 3B—Litano, Benham; SB—Murphy, Ken Lussier, Altman, Gregory 2, Ryan, Filiault, Benham; S—Tom Lussier, Sokolowski, LeClair

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Tom Lussier	1⅓	1	5	3	5	2
Ken Lussier	7	3	2	2	6	4
Rob Turner	5⅔	2	2	2	5	2

HBP—Tom Lussier; BALK—Turner.
Time: 2 hours.
Umpires: Joe Dahrouge, Bob Harrison.

JUN 24 1974

Joe Murphy pitches gem

JUN 24 1974

Joe Murphy yielded only two hits and struck out 15 as he pitched the Comet Jewelers to a 3-0 win over the Veterans of Foreign Wars in a Babe Ruth League game Saturday morning at North Junior High.

Scott Bishop was the only one with an extra base hit, a double. Mike Carpenter and Mike Larkin each had an RBI.

General Electric will oppose Adams Super Markets in a league game tonight.

The score:

COMET JEWELERS

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Schmidt, 2b	0	1	0	0	1	0
Austin, 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Larkin, 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0
W. Murphy, ss	3	1	1	0	0	0
J. Murphy, p	3	0	0	1	1	0
Resnick, cf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Carpenter, c	2	0	1	7	0	0
Schneider, c	0	0	0	8	0	0
Kennedy, 1b	2	0	0	3	0	0
Phillips, 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Aitkin, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Battini, rf	2	1	1	1	0	0
Fitzpatrick, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bishop, lf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	25	3	5	21	2	0

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	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
D.Tagliente, rf,lf	2	0	0	0	1	0
G.Tagliente, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Masterlz, ss	2	0	0	1	1	0
LaRochelle, p	3	0	1	0	0	0
Sangenetti, 2b	2	0	0	1	1	1
Crawford, 2b	1	0	0	1	2	0
Rocca, 3b	3	0	0	1	1	0
Crocker, cf	1	0	0	1	0	1
Seluaggio, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Avalle, rf,lf	1	0	1	0	0	0
O'Gara, c	2	0	0	5	1	0
Miller, 1b	3	0	0	8	0	0
Totals	22	0	2	18	7	2

Comet Jewelers	101	100	—3
VFW	000	000	—0

DP—Comet Jewelers 1; LOB—Comet Jewelers 9, VFW 6; RBI—Carpenter, Schmidt; 2B—Bishop; 3B—Schmidt 1, W. Murphy 2, Schneider, Bishop, LaRochelle

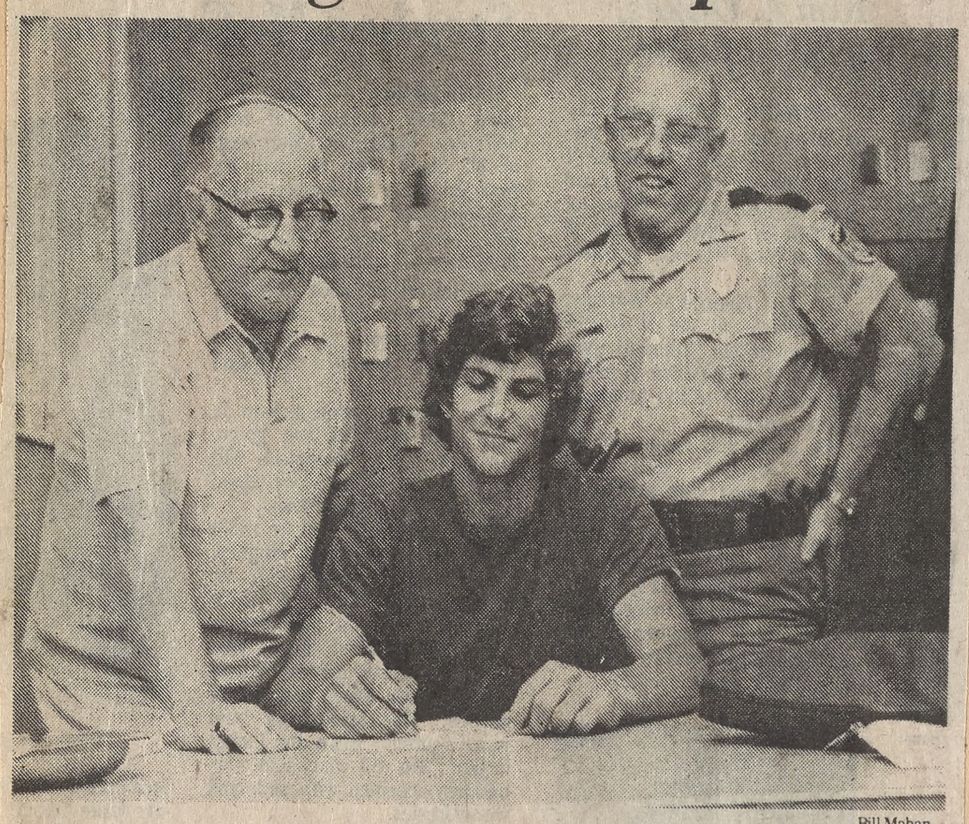
	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
J. Murphy (W)	7	2	0	0	4	15
LaRochelle (L)	6	5	3	2	5	6

Time: 1 hour, 31 minutes
Umpires: Messer, Carlo

JUN 22 1974

BRL

Lisi signs Texas pact



Bill Mahan

ON THE DOTTED LINE Rick Lisi, Pittsfield High star athlete, writes his name making him a member of the Texas Rangers' professional baseball organization while scout Joe Lewis, left, and Al Bianchi, right, look on. Lisi wanted Bianchi, a Berkshire County jail guard and an adviser to the athlete, present so yesterday afternoon's signing took place behind the bars of the Second Street institution.

SPORTS

By Bill Mahan

Rick Lisi, Pittsfield High star athlete, signed a professional baseball contract with the Texas Rangers late yesterday afternoon. He will leave for Sarasota, Fla., Sunday where he will report to the Rangers' farm team in the Gulf Coast League, a rookie circuit. He was signed by Joe Lewis of Somerset, Rangers' scout for New England and part of New York State.

Lisi was drafted by Texas in the recent draft in the 13th round. His contract guarantees him his college education, a bonus for signing, incentive bonuses which will be paid when he reaches certain levels and salary which will begin immediately. Exact money figures were not divulged but the college education puts it into five figures.

Lisi plans to enter college in September with Florida State a good possibility. Florida State has the tri-semester schedule and the young athlete feels he can get in two semesters before he has to report to the Rangers' minor league camp at Plant City, Fla., in March.

Lisi's manager at Sarasota will be Bill Haywood. Lewis expects his latest signee will be used as a catcher, a position the Pittsfield athlete moved to late in the high school season. He also was catching for the Tyler Aces American Legion team. Lisi was a third baseman until this year, playing the position in high school and for the Aces' state champion Legion team last summer.

He also did a little relief pitching this spring.

In addition to his baseball, Lisi was an outstanding football quarterback and basketball frontcourt man. He is the son of Mrs. Daisy Parsons of Riverview West.

Signed Grieve

Lisi is the second local player signed by Lewis. The Somerset resident also signed Tom Grieve, who is now with the Texas Rangers American League team. Among other players placed under contract by Lewis are Pete Broberg, Dartmouth College pitcher, who went right to the major league team, Joe Coleman, now pitching for the Detroit Tigers, and Art DeFillipis, a Pittsfield Ranger hurler.

The signing was a first for Lewis in one respect. The formalities took place at the Berkshire County jail and marked the first time the veteran scout placed a player under contract behind the bars. The signing was at the jail because Lisi wanted Al Bianchi, well known local sports figure and a jail guard, present. Lisi said Bianchi has been very helpful in advising him in making his decision and in negotiations with the Rangers.

Babe Ruth games are rained out

Rain caused postponement of two Babe Ruth League baseball games scheduled for last night. Tonight GEAA will play the Irish-Americans at Deming Field and General Electric will meet Western Mass. Supply at North Junior High.

The standings are:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

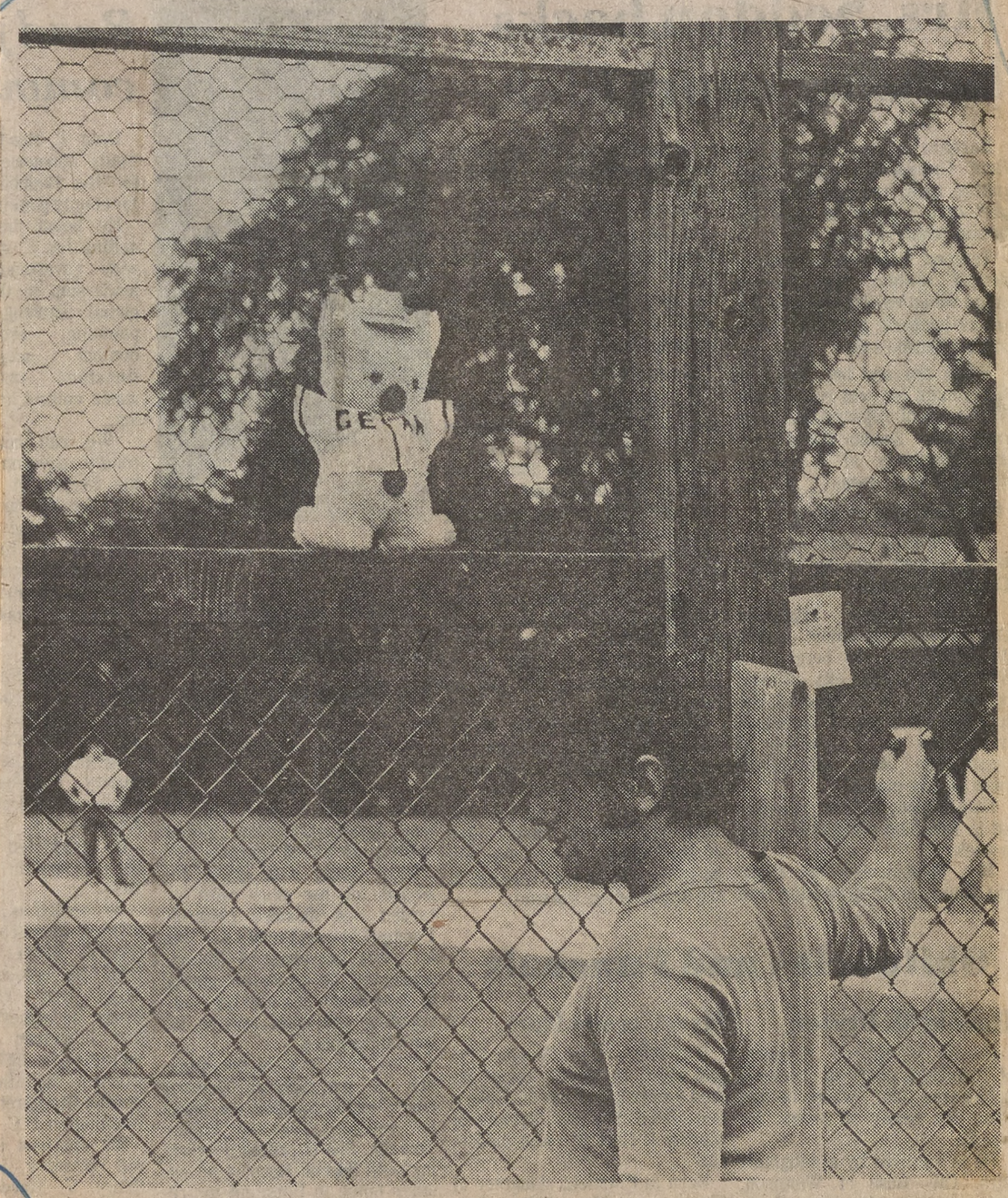
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Adams Super Markets	4	1	.800
Comet Jewelers	4	1	.800
General Electric	4	1	.800
Besse-Clarke	1	2	.333
Western Mass. Supply	1	2	.333
IUE Local 254	1	3	.250
VFW Post 448	0	5	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Pct.
GEAA	4	0	1.000
Irish-American Club	3	1	.750
Lipton Oil	2	2	.500
Itam Lodge 564	2	2	.500
O'Connell Cadillac	2	3	.400
Union Federal	1	3	.250
IUE Local 255	1	4	.200

JUN 26 1974

JUN 22 1974



Good Luck

Teddy bear mascot of the GEAA Babe Ruth League team also may have had only a slight effect on the team's no-hit win at Deming Field, but who is to know?

JUN 25 1974

GE, Irish, Itam victors in Babe Ruth League play

General Electric and the Irish-Americans scored Babe Ruth League victories last night. GE downed Adams Super Markets, 7-3, and the IA's beat O'Connell Cadillac 7-4.

A bases-loaded triple by Gregg Gagliardi and a two-run double by Steve Daury highlighted a six-run third inning that lifted GE. Gagliardi was the winning pitcher.

Tom Lussier pitched a five-hitter for the Irish, striking out five and rapping two hits himself. Dennis Cyr and Steve Hines also had a pair of hits. John Brindle had two safeties for O'Connell's, including a triple.

Saturday afternoon, Itam Lodge defeated IUE 255, 7-1, behind Frank Peplowski. Jim Flynn had a home run and single to lead the attack.

Games tonight match Besse-Clarke against IUE 254, and Lipton's against Union Federal.

GE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Anello, LF,P	4	2	2	0	1	0
Tucker, RF	4	1	1	0	0	0
Daury, 3B	3	1	1	0	0	1
Gregory, LF,CF	2	1	0	1	0	0
Przedrelski, 1B	2	1	0	8	0	0
Gagliardi, P,CF	3	1	2	1	3	0
Kendall, C	2	0	0	6	2	1
Breault, C	0	0	0	3	0	0
Bartow, SS	3	0	1	0	2	0
Wilson, 2B	1	0	0	0	1	0
Symanski, 2B	1	0	0	2	0	1
Totals	25	7	7	21	9	3

Adams Super Markets

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Burt, SS	4	2	2	3	1	0
Heaphy, CF	3	1	1	0	0	0
Synder, 1B,P	3	0	1	2	1	0
J. Barbarotta, C	4	0	2	9	1	0
McKeever, 2B	3	0	0	1	0	0
Hiser, P,1B	4	0	1	3	0	0
White, 3B	2	0	1	0	2	1
Larkin, 3B	1	0	0	0	0	0
Carr, LF	2	0	1	0	0	0
Flynn, LF	0	0	0	0	0	0
V. Barbarotta, RF	2	0	0	0	1	0
Harrington, RF	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	3	9	18	6	1

GE 006 100 x—7
Adams 002 000 1—3

DP — Adams 1, GE 3 LOB — Adams 9, GE 7 RBI — Daury 2, Gagliardi 3, Bartow 1, Tucker 1, Barbarotta 1, Synder 1 2B — Tucker, Daury 3B — Gagliardi SB — Burt, Heaphy, J. Barbarotta, Anello Kendall

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Anello	2	1	0	0	0	4
Gagliardi (W)	5	8	3	1	4	5
Synder (L)	3	6	7	1	4	4
Hiser	3	1	0	0	2	5

HBP — Gregory BALK — Anello PB — Kendall 2 Time 1 hour, 50 minutes.
Umpires - Harrison and Gwinell

IRISH AMERICANS

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Filiault, CF	3	0	0	0	0	0
Lussier, P	4	1	2	1	1	0
Turner, ss	4	0	1	0	3	0
Doucette, 1B	3	0	1	7	1	0
Sokolowski, RF	2	1	0	1	0	0
Quadrozzi, RF	1	0	0	0	0	0
Benham, 3B	2	1	0	1	2	0
CYR, C	2	2	2	10	0	1
Revord, LF	1	0	0	1	0	0
Morris, z	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mancivilano, zz	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hines, 2B	2	2	2	0	0	0
Totals	24	7	8	21	7	1

O'CONNELL CADILLAC

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Fiero, 3B	1	2	0	2	2	1
Funk, 3B	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bindle, 2B, LF	4	1	2	0	0	1
Shreenan, ss	3	1	1	1	0	0
Houle, CF	1	0	0	3	0	0
Burns, LF	3	0	0	2	0	0
Liccardi, 2B	0	0	0	0	0	0
Durkee, P	3	0	1	0	1	1
Ferguson, P	1	0	0	0	0	0
Valle, RF	2	0	1	0	0	0
Leach, RF	1	0	0	0	0	0
McColgan, 1B	3	0	0	3	0	0
Connally, 1B	1	0	0	0	0	0
Harrington, C	3	0	0	3	1	1
Lefkowitz, C	0	0	0	4	0	0
Totals	27	4	5	18	4	4

z — ran for Sokolowski in 5th
zz — pinch hit Sac. 5th

DP — Brindle, McColgan, Harrington; RBI — Brindle, Burns, Valle, Lussier, Turner, Doucette, Cyr, Revord; 2B—Shreenan, Durkee; 3B—Brindle; SB—Shereenan, Valle, Turner, Benham, Cyr (3), Morris; S — Mancivilano, Hines, Cyr, Filiault, Benham, Revord.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Lussier (W)	7	5	4	3	7	9
Durkee (L)	5	8	7	5	2	3
Ferguson	1	0	0	0	1	2

Time — 2 hours, 20 minutes
Umpires — Kirby, Codey.

Third-inning rallies spark Besse, Itam wins

JUN 28 1974

Big rallies in the third inning enabled Besse-Clarke and Itam Lodge to win Babe Ruth games last night in the American and National Leagues.

Besse erupted for six runs in the third in its A.L. contest with Comet Jewelers and went on to win 10-8. Tim Carroll picked up the victory for the Clarkes allowing eight hits and only two earned runs while striking out six and walking five. Joe Murphy was the losing pitcher, but paced the Comet hitting attack with two doubles, a single and three runs batted in.

In the N.L., Itam overcame a 2-0 Union Federal lead with a seven-run outburst in the third and won the game 11-7. Rick Taikowski earned the win for the Lodgers, while Mike Frawley took the defeat. A home run by the Federal's Jim Maloy and a double by the Fed's Tom Arpante were the only extra base hits of the night.

Tonight in the Babe Ruth League, VFW meets IUE Local 254 at North Field in the American; Lipton takes on IUE Local 255 at Deming.

ITAM LODGE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Martin, lf	3	2	1	1	0	0
Wood, c	4	1	1	7	1	0
M.Sheran, cf,ss	2	2	1	3	1	0
Flynn, cf,rf	5	0	1	1	0	1
Mahoney, 1b	4	0	0	5	0	0
DiMassimo, 2b	3	1	0	3	1	0
D.Sheran, ss	2	1	1	0	0	0
Connor, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hurley, 3b	3	1	1	1	3	1
White, 3b,ss	1	0	0	0	1	0
Robinson, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taikowski, p	2	1	0	0	0	0
Peplowski, p	0	1	0	0	0	0
Gimlewitz, 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	11	6	21	7	2

UNION FEDERAL

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Ditmar, 3b	2	1	0	0	1	0
Malec, ss	2	0	0	1	0	1
R.Arpante, cf,p	5	0	1	0	0	0
T.Arpante, lf	1	2	1	2	0	0
Frawley, p,cf	5	1	0	1	2	0
Maloy, rf	2	1	1	1	0	0
Miraglia, ss,3b	2	0	1	1	1	2
Montasani, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	1
Hayes, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0
ZSabato	0	1	0	0	0	0
Moran, 1b	3	0	1	8	0	0
Tierney, 1b	0	0	0	1	0	0
Nagal, c	2	0	1	2	0	0
Niarchos, c	1	1	0	4	0	0
Totals	27	7	6	21	6	4

z—Pinch hit for Hayes in 7th

Itam Lodge	007	003	1—11
Union Federal	200	012	2— 7

RBI—T. Arpante, Maloy, Martin, Wood, Sheran 2 each, Miraglia 3, Flynn, Mahoney, Hurley 1 each; 2B—T. Arpante; HR—Maloy; SB—Martin, Wood, Flynn, DiMassimo, D. Sheran, Hurley, Mark Sheran 5

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Frawley (L)	6⅔	6	11	9	7	7
R. Arpante	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Robinson	0	0	0	0	2	0
Taikowski (W)	5	4	3	3	7	6
Peplowski	2	2	4	4	4	1

HBP—M. Sheran by Frawley and Arpante; Tierney by Peplowski.
Time: 2 hours, 10 minutes.
Umpires: Vinette and Carlo

BESSE-CLARKE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
C.Porter, rf	2	0	0	0	0	2
Murphy, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
W.DiNicola, cf	2	3	1	0	1	0
Carroll, p	3	1	2	0	2	1
Mark Dunn, 1b	3	1	0	11	0	0
Regan, c	4	0	2	6	1	0
Belair, lf	3	2	1	0	0	0
M.Porter, 3b	3	1	1	0	2	0
T.DiNicola, ss	3	1	2	1	0	0
Ely, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	1
Abair, 2b	1	0	0	1	2	1
xNichols, ph,2b	1	0	0	1	2	0
Totals	27	10	9	21	11	5

COMET JEWELERS

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Austin, 2b	3	2	0	1	3	0
Larkin, 3b	2	1	0	2	0	0
W.Murphy, ss	4	2	1	1	3	1
J.Murphy, p,c	3	1	3	4	1	0
Resnick, p,cf	4	1	2	0	0	0
Schneider, c,cf	2	0	0	3	0	0
Kelly, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kennedy, lf,1b	4	0	0	2	0	0
Battini, rf	2	0	1	0	0	1
Fitzpatrick, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips, 1b	0	0	0	3	1	1
Bishop, lf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Schmidt, 2b	1	1	1	1	1	0
Totals	29	8	8	18	9	3

x—Pinch hit for Abair in 8th

Besse Clarke	116	110	—10
Comet Jewelers	330	001	0—8

LOB—Comet Jewelers 6, Besse Clarke 10; RBI—J. Murphy 2, W. Murphy, Nichols, T. DiNicola, Mike Porter, Belair; 2B—J. Murphy 2, W. Murphy; RBI—Regan; SB—Schmidt, W. Murphy, Resnick, Schneider, Belair 3, T. DiNicola.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Carroll (W)	7	8	8	2	6	5
J. Murphy (L)	3	7	8	6	3	3
Resnick	3	1	2	2	5	4

HPB—Mark Dunn; WP—Murphy.
Time: 2 hours
Umpires: Ladley and Barbas

Union team wins in BRL

The pitching of Gary Barcher and the hitting of Tim Mazzer led IUE 254 to a 6-1 victory over VFW in a Babe Ruth American game at North field last night.

Barcher allowed one unearned run, five hits, and fanned 10. Mazzer rapped three hits, including a double, and drove in three runs.

Besse Clarke will meet IUE today.

The score:

IUE Local 259

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
J. Navarowski, 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0
Madden, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Cusson, 1b	3	1	0	7	0	1
x-R. Navarowski, ph, 1b	1	0	0	2	0	0
Brothers, lf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Boscher, p	3	1	1	0	2	0
Ostakis, ss	3	1	0	0	2	1
Keegan, 3b, cf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Mazzer, c, 3b, pf	3	2	3	5	0	0
Jester, c	2	0	1	6	0	1
DiMarsico, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweener, 3b	2	0	0	0	1	1
Shepard, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	6	6	21	7	4

VFW Post 448

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Crocker, cr	1	0	0	1	0	0
G.Tagliente, lf	2	0	0	1	1	0
Sanginetti, 2b	4	0	1	3	1	0
LaRochelle, 3b	3	0	2	0	1	2
Masterlz, ss	3	0	0	2	0	2
Rocca, p	3	1	1	1	4	0
Groves, c	2	0	0	6	1	0
Avalle, rf	3	0	1	1	1	0
Miller, cr,lf	2	0	0	2	0	0
Gniadek, 1b	3	0	0	4	0	1
Totals	25	1	5	21	9	5

x—Pinch hit for Cusson in 6th;

IUE	021 102 0-6
VFW	010 000 0-1

LOB — IUE 5, VFW 7; RBI — Border 8, Mazzor 3; 2B — Mazzer; SB — Cusson LaRochelle; S — Miller

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Boscher (W)	7	5	0	0	1	10
Rocca (l)	7	6	6	3	4	1

Balk — Rocca; PB — Graves 1; Time — 1:30
Umpires — Woitkowski, Shmidt

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BR tourney on Monday

Rosters listed for Pittsfield representatives

The Berkshire County Babe Ruth all-star tournament will start Monday.

Opening - round games will be between Southern Berkshire and the Pittsfield Nationals at Deming Field and Adams against Dalton at Pine Grove Park.

The two winners will meet in the semifinals Wednesday as will the Pittsfield Americans and Lee (at Lee). Both drew opening-round byes.

The finals will be held Saturday, July 6, at 1:30. Weekday games will start at 5:30.

Players selected for the Pittsfield teams are American League: Steve Shea, Paul Stockley, Mike Anello, Bill Gregory, Mike LaRochelle, Gary Barcher, Jeff Brothers, Tim Carroll, John Barbarotta, Ed Burt, Tim Snyder, Bill Heaphy, Mike Larkin, Joe Murphy and Wayne Murphy. The coaches are Bill Larkin, Pete Astore and Pat Larkin.

National League: Kevin O'Leary, Pete Gagne, Mike Ryan, Gary Fiero, Dan Miraglia, Jay Murphy, Mark Bushey, Jeff Altman, Mike Doucette, Rob Turner, Tom Lussier, Joe Yannone, Mark Sheran, Bob Mahoney and Mitch Wood. The coaches are Lou Orazio Jr., Jim Hill and Mike O'Brien.

Gagne leads GEAA team to 9-4 win

Winning pitcher Pete Gagne won his fourth straight and also belted a grand-slam home run as GEAA downed the Irish-Americans 9-4 in Babe Ruth action yesterday. Besse-Clarke tripped IUE 254 7-3 in the other game.

Lipton Oil won Friday and Saturday games. The Oilers downed Union Federal 6-3 and walloped IUE 255, 16-4.

Gagne also had a single as GEAA upped its record to a National League-leading 5-0. Mike Ryan added three hits, and Kevin O'Leary two.

Billy Regan's three hits paced Besse's offense in the American League game. Mark Dunn went the distance for the win, fanning eight. Loser Ron Navarowski struck out 12.

Paul Gregory hit a home run in one game, and Will Altman had four hits in the other for Lipton's. IUE's Jeff Caden also had a homer.

The regular schedule is suspended today as all-star competition begins. The county tournament's first round will pit the National all-stars against South Berkshire at 5:30 at Deming Field. The Americans drew a bye.

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BRL

Three repeaters on All-Berkshire team

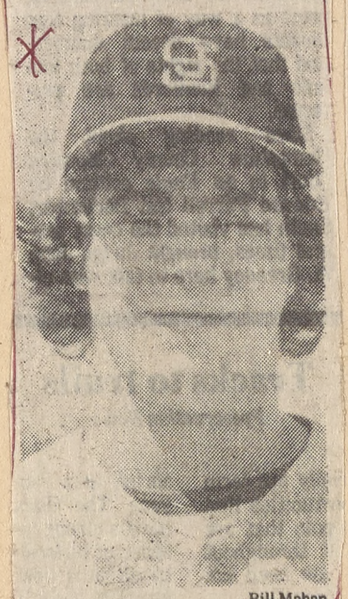


Photos by Bill Mahan

ALL-BERKSHIRE SELECTIONS for the second straight year are, left to right, Rick Lisi, Paul Wright and Russ Quetti. Lisi and Quetti are from Pittsfield High and Wright played with Wahconah Regional of Dalton.

arms. LaRochelle was just a freshman this year, and the only 9th-grader on the all-star squad. He broke a school record at St. Joe's for most hits in a season. Flynn just completed his sophomore year. Lee High senior duPont led the county in home runs.

Drury was a key man in St. Joe's division title. Although only a sophomore, he was a



Bill Mahan

Mike LaRochelle
Freshman picked

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Babe Ruth reject files sex-discrimination suit

STOCKBRIDGE — The attorney for a 13-year-old Stockbridge girl who wants to play Babe Ruth baseball is seeking an injunction against league officials and the town of Stockbridge.

Joseph G. Vosit field the suit yesterday in Superior Court in Pittsfield against Paul J. Gibbons Jr., president of the Southern Berkshire Babe Ruth League; Edward Shaw, a coach for the Stockbridge Babe Ruth team; and against the town on grounds a public field is being used for a discriminatory purpose.

Hearing set July 10

A preliminary hearing on the injunction request is scheduled for July 10 in Hampden Superior Court in Springfield.

Vosit represents Kim Ceanga, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ceanga of Goodrich Street. She and Julie Martin, daughter of Mrs. Mary Ann Martin of Furnace District Road had attended spring tryouts for the local Babe Ruth team. Gibbons has said they could not be on the team roster because, according to rules of the national Babe Ruth organization, the players must be boys between 13 and 15 years of age.

James P. Dahoney, an attorney, said he is waiting for Mrs. Martin to sign necessary papers so that he can ask the court for a determination on whether Julie Martin can play Babe Ruth ball.

According to Shaw, Southern Berkshire league play is scheduled to end July 12. The local team is in about fifth place in the league, Shaw said.

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Semifinals today in BR tournament

Dalton, Americans at G. Barrington, Lee respectively

The Berkshire County Babe Ruth playoffs hit the semifinal round tonight with games at Great Barrington and Lee.

Dalton, a 3-2 winner over Adams Monday night, meets Southern Berkshire at Memorial Field, Great Barrington. The Pittsfield Americans and Lee, recipients of first-round byes, tangle at Lee. Both games are scheduled to begin at 5:30.

The winners will meet Saturday afternoon at 1:30 for the championship.

Dalton scored its first-round win when Jim McClure singled in Dave Gargan with the winning run in the last of the seventh. Gary Nassif had three of Dalton's nine hits.

Tom Boino hurled a three-hitter for the win. He did not walk a man and struck out five. Starter Tom Wiencek was the losing pitcher.

Southern Berkshire eliminated the Pittsfield Nationals 9-3 in the opening round.

Snyder handcuffs Suppliers

Tim Snyder hurled Adams Super Markets to a 4-1 victory over Western Mass. Supply last night in the American division of the Babe Ruth League.

Snyder scatterd six hits and gave up an earned run in the sixth inning while setting down Western Mass. with seven strikeouts. Paul Stockley took the loss for the Suppliers, yielding five hits and three earned runs and fanning seven batters.

Super Markets catcher John Barbarotta gave Snyder all the runs he needed with a two-run single in the third inning. Snyder then added another run in the fifth on a run-producing triple. Left-fielder John Vuillemot collected three hits for Western Mass.

Tonight in the American division, Besse-Clarke meets GE.

The score:

ADAMS SUPER MARKET

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Burt, ss	2	1	1	1	4	0
Heaphy, cf	2	1	0	1	0	0
Snyder, p	3	1	1	0	5	0
J. Barbarotta, c	2	0	1	7	1	0
Hiser, 1b	3	0	0	4	0	0
Harrington, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
McKeever, 2b	3	0	1	2	0	0
White, rf, 1b	2	0	0	3	0	0
Carr, lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Flynn, lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larkin, 3b	2	1	1	2	0	0
V. Barbarotta, 3b	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	22	4	5	21	10	0

WESTERN MASS.

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Vuillemot, lf	4	0	3	0	0	0
Knight, 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0
zB. Shea, pr, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Stockley, p	2	0	1	0	3	0
Miles, c	2	0	0	7	1	0
Boli, 3b	2	1	0	0	3	1
S. Shea, cf	3	0	1	1	0	0
Anderson, 1b, rf	3	0	1	2	0	0
D. Potter, 1b	0	0	0	3	0	0
Plankey, ss	3	0	0	1	0	1
Quetti, 1b	2	0	0	3	0	0
Messer, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	1	6	18	7	2

z Pinch ran for Knight in 5th

Adams Super Markets	002	020	0—4
Western Mass.	000	001	0—1

LOB — Adams 4, Western Mass. 7; RBI — J. Barbarotta 2; 2B — Vuillemot 1; 3B — S. Shea 1, Snyder 1; SB — Burt 1, J. Barbarotta 2, White 1; S — Burt 1, Miles 1

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Snyder (W)	7	6	1	1	2	7
Stockley (L)	6	5	4	3	3	7

HBP — None
BALK — None
Time — 1 hour, 35 minutes
WP — None
PB — None
Umpires — Kirby, Barbas

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S. Berkshire eliminates Nationals

Martin pitches visitors to 9-3 tourney victory

South Berkshire's Babe Ruth all-stars downed the Pittsfield Nationals 9-3 at Deming Field last night in an opening - round game of the Berkshire County tournament.

South Berkshire will meet the winner of the Dalton - Adams game Wednesday. The Pittsfield Americans and Lee will play the other semifinal game.

Walks, errors and timely hitting were the ingredients that South Berkshire used. It was 8-0 before the Nationals got themselves together and then Paul Martin proved too tough. Martin gave up seven hits and walked five but he fanned 10.

Meanwhile South Berkshire was making good use of their five hits, all singles. Six walks by losing pitcher Tom Lussier and six more by his relief, Mike Ryan, plus six Pittsfield errors gave the visitors numerous opportunities.

John Omelenchuck, Steve Brown, Bob McGowan, Mike Kydes and Mark Massini had the hits. Mitch Wood and Rob Turner had two each for the Nationals, and Pete Gagne, Kevin O'Leary, and Mark Sheran one each. Sheran's was a triple.

The score:

SOUTHERN

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Omelenchuck, ss	4	1	1	2	3	1
Jurgenson, cf	4	0	0	0	1	0
McGowan, lf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Brown, rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Seidman, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kydes, 3b	4	2	1	1	1	1
Vermullen, 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Massini, 2b	3	2	1	1	1	0
Chessare, 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gunn, 1b	1	1	0	5	0	0
Bleau, 1b	0	1	0	1	0	0
Natoli, c	1	2	0	11	1	1
Martin, p	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	9	5	21	7	3

NATIONAL

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Wood, cf,c	4	0	2	3	1	0
O'Leary, rf	3	0	1	1	0	0
Yannone, 2b	0	0	0	1	0	0
Ryan, 3b,p	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gagne, c	3	0	1	7	0	1
Fiero, cf	1	0	0	0	0	1
Turner, 2b	3	1	2	0	1	2
Doucette, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Altman, ss	2	0	0	1	2	2
Maraglia, 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0
Bushey, 1b	2	0	0	4	0	0
Mahoney, 1b	1	0	0	2	0	0
Lussier, p,3b,ss	1	1	0	0	4	0
Murphy, lf	2	0	0	2	0	0
Sheran, cf	1	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	28	3	7	21	9	6

Southern Berkshire	134	000	1—9
National League	000	102	0—3

DP—Maraglia, Wood, Mahoney, Massini, Gunn; RBI—Omelenchuck 2, Jurgeson 2, McGowan, Brown, Natoli; 3B—Sheran; SB—Wood, Turner

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Martin (W)	7	7	3	2	5	10
Lussier (L)	2	4	6	4	6	4
Ryan	5	1	3	3	6	4

BALK—Martin; WP—Ryan, Martin
Time: 2 hours, 30 minutes
Umpires: Byron and Ladley

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Unearned runs are key as GE, Irish win in BRL

Although held to two hits and out-hit by the opposition, General Electric and the Irish-Americans won their Babe Ruth League games last night.

GE downed Besse-Clarke 5-3 with three unearned runs off loser Tim Carroll. Both hits were by Bill Gregory, a double and a triple, and Gregory scored twice. Winner Mike Anello allowed only three hits and struck out 13 batters. Mark Dunn had a pair of singles off him.

All of the Irish-Americans' runs were unearned as they took a 4-2 decision from Union Federal. Loser Mike Frawley permitted two hits and fanned nine in his five-inning stint. Six walks hurt him. Winner Rob Turner allowed nine hits and didn't strike out a batter, but had perfect control.

Tom Arpante, Jim Maloy and Rick Malec had two hits apiece for Union Federal.

The American League all-stars are scheduled to meet Lee in county playoff action tonight at Lee.

The score:

GENERAL ELECTRIC

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Gross, 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bence, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Trova, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Anello, p	2	2	0	1	2	0
Gregory, 1b	2	2	2	5	0	0
Daury, 3b, cf	3	1	0	0	0	0
Gagliardi, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Pomeroy, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tucker, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Breault, c	2	0	0	8	0	2
Kendall, c	1	0	0	6	2	0
Symanski, ss	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bastow, ss	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	5	2	21	4	2

BESSE CLARKE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Abair, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nichols, 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0
W.DiNicola, cf	3	0	0	1	0	0
MarkDunn, 1b	3	1	2	6	0	1
Carroll, p	2	0	0	0	1	1
Regan, c	2	1	0	8	1	1
Belair, lf	2	1	0	1	0	0
M.Porter, 3b	1	0	1	0	1	2
T.DiNicola, ss	3	0	0	0	1	0
C.Porter, rf	1	0	0	2	0	0
Murphy, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
zMickle, ph	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	3	3	18	5	5

z—Pinch hit for Murphy in 7th

General Electric	102 002 x—5
Besse Clarke	010 101 0—3

LOB — Besse Clarke 5, GE 3; RBI — Gregory, Gagliardi, M.Porter; 2B — Gregory, M.Porter; 3B — Gregory; SB — Anello, Belair, Regan, Carroll, MarkDunn

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Anello (w)	7	3	3	1	5	13
Carroll (l)	6	2	5	2	2	9

HBP — Regan; WP — Anello 3; Time — 1 hour 37 minutes; Umpires — Woitkowski and Barpas

IRISH

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Filiault, CF	2	1	0	2	2	0
Lussier, SS,P	3	0	1	1	2	1
Turner, P,SS	2	1	0	2	1	0
Doucette, 1B,LF	2	1	0	7	0	0
Cyr, C	4	1	1	6	1	2
Perrault, LF	2	0	0	1	0	0
Trembly, LF	1	0	0	1	0	0
Quadrozzi, 1B	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mancivilano, RF	2	0	0	0	0	0
Morris, 3B	2	0	0	0	0	0
Beham, 3B	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fitzsimmons, 2B	1	0	0	0	2	0
Revord,2B	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	24	4	2	21	8	3

UNION

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
T. Arpante, RF	4	1	2	1	0	0
Maloy, CF	2	1	2	1	0	0
R. Arpante, LF,P	4	0	0	0	0	0
Frawley, P,LF	2	0	1	1	2	1
Maraglia, 3B	3	0	1	1	0	1
Niarchos, C	3	0	0	9	0	0
Nugai, C	0	0	0	1	0	0
Malec, SS	2	0	2	0	0	1
Hayes, 2B	1	0	0	0	0	0
Montisanti, 2B,SS	3	0	0	1	1	0
Tierney, 1B	2	0	1	2	0	0
Moran, 1B	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sabato, 1B	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	2	9	18	3	4

Irish	202 000 x—4
Union	101 000 0—2

RBI — Maraglia, SB — T. Arpante, Mancivilano, Filiault-2, Lussier-2, Turner-2, Beham-2, Doucette

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Turner (W)	4	7	2	1	2	0
Lussier	3	2	0	0	0	5
Frawley (L)	5	2	4	0	6	9
R. Arpante	1	0	0	0	1	1

HBP — Turner
UMPIRES — Zito, Derouge

JUL 5 1974

Pittsfield Americans drub Lee BR All-Stars 23-5

By Jan Tavalin

LEE — Those talent-heavy Pittsfield American League All-Stars waltzed into the finals of the Berkshire County Babe Ruth League Tournament here Wednesday evening, drubbing the Lee All-Stars to the tune of 23-5.

The Pittsfield team will meet the winner of this evening's Dalton-Great Barrington contest at Monument Mountain Regional High School. The game was originally scheduled for Wednesday but was postponed due to wet grounds.

Although high-scoring games are far from uncommon in Babe Ruth League competition, Pittsfield's lopsided victory was surprising when you consider that both teams consisted of the finest players from their respective leagues. It brought back memories of a similar thrashing that the St. Joseph's Crusaders gave Ipswich High School in the state small school semifinals a few weeks back. Incidently, six members of the Pittsfield Americans played baseball for St. Joseph's this spring.

In achieving their impressive victory the Americans did not overwhelm their opponents, but rather beat them methodically with some good solid ball playing. Pittsfield's 18-hit attack featured an interesting array of bloop singles, seeing-eye hits through the hole and liners over the infield. Only three of the hits went for extra bases, in each case, a double into the left-center- or right-center-field alley. But the Americans hit with consistency. Not one batter struck out.

Heavy hitters

Catcher John Barbarotta led the attack, driving in six runs with five hits, including a double. He sparked all four Pittsfield rallies. First-sacker Joe Murphy drove in three runs with a single and a double while pitcher Steve Shea delivered three with a base-clearing double.

Shea went all the way for the victory, allowing only three hits and fanning 13. He tired in the late innings, giving up six walks in the final two frames in which Lee scored three runs without the benefit of a hit.

The South County club drew first blood, scoring a run in the first on two walks and Joe Harnyak's double. Pittsfield scored seven times in the second inning on six hits (two by Barbarotta) and a pair of walks. Lee made it 7-2 with a run in the third. Bill Constanopoulis singled, stole second and scored on Harnyak's Texas League single.

Pittsfield iced their victory with three-run spurts in the fourth and fifth frames. Barbarotta drove home two runs with a single in the fourth and two more with a double in the fifth. The Americans turned the game into a rout in the sixth, scoring 10 times on just five hits, but with the aid of four walks and three Lee throwing errors. Shea's three-run double and a pair of run-scoring singles by Gary Barcher were the key hits.

Long outs

There was a touch of irony behind the Lee' All-Stars' in-

Pittsfield Americans

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Burt, 2b	3	1	2	0	0	0
Larkin, 2b	2	1	1	1	1	0
Barcher, 3b	4	4	2	1	0	0
LaRochelle, cf	4	3	2	0	0	0
Brothers, lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. Murphy, 1b	3	3	2	2	0	0
Snyder, 1b	2	0	0	3	0	1
Barbarotta, c	6	2	5	12	1	2
Stockley, ss	2	1	1	1	1	0
xW. Murphy, ss	2	1	0	1	1	0
Carroll, rf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Anello, rf	2	2	0	0	0	0
Gregory, lf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Heaphy, lf, cf	0	2	0	0	1	0
Shea, p	4	3	1	0	1	3
Totals	38	23	18	21	6	6

Lee

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Constanopoulis, 1B	1	2	1	4	0	1
Jas. Harnyak, 1b	2	0	0	3	0	0
Baker, ss	3	0	0	1	2	0
Biasin, cf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Brink, cf, p, rf	1	0	0	1	2	0
Joe Harnyak, cf	3	0	2	1	0	0
Crear, 3b	1	0	0	0	2	0
Belanger, 3b	0	1	0	0	0	3
zLeBlanc, 2b, pr	2	0	0	1	1	0
Bartini, 2b	2	1	0	1	0	1
Ingegni, rf,p,cf	2	0	0	3	0	0
Boyne, c	2	0	0	1	0	0
Collins, c	1	0	0	0	0	0
Winters, p, rf	1	0	0	1	1	0
Perry, rf, p	1	1	0	3	1	0
Totals	24	5	3	21	9	5

x—Grounded out for Stockley in the 5th
z—Re-entered game as runner for Brink in 7th

Pittsfield Americans	070 3310 0823
Lee	101 002 1—5

LOB—Pittsfield Amer. 8, Lee 7; RBI—Barbarotta 6, Murphy 3, Shea 3, LaRochelle 2, Barcher 2, Gregory, Burt, Stockley, Larkin, Heaphy, Joe Harnyak 2; 2B— Murphy, Barbarotta, Shea, Joe Harnyak; SB—Barcher, Perry, Constanopoulis, Joe Harnyak, Ingegni; S—Carroll; SF—LaRochelle, Stockley

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Shea (WP)	7	3	5	4	9	13
Winters (LP)	1⅔	7	7	7	2	0
Ingegni	3⅓	7	10	7	4	0
Brink	⅔	3	6	0	4	0
Perry	1⅓	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—Barcher (by Ingegni)
WP—Shea 3, Brink
Time—2 hours, 37 minutes
Attendance—130
Umpires—Buddy Byron and Pete Cowlin

Babe Ruth officials aim for weekend completion

By Jan Tavalin

GREAT BARRINGTON — The Dalton and Southern Berkshire All-Stars will try again this morning to determine who will meet the Pittsfield Americans in the finals of the Berkshire County Babe Ruth League Tournament.

Playing under dark, menacing skys, punctuated with frequent claps of thunder and spurts of rain, the two teams battled into the top of the sixth inning here, last evening, before play was suspended by a heavy cloudburst, with Dalton holding a 3-2 lead.

The contest is scheduled to resume at 11 a.m. at Memorial Field, provided that the field can be put in playing condition. Should the game be played, and Dalton win, they will meet the Americans at 3 this afternoon at Pittsfield's Clapp Park.

Should Southern Berkshire rally to win, however, the finals will not be played until Sunday at 1:30, as the Southern Berkshire team has refused to play both contests on the same date.

The semifinal game originally had been scheduled for last Wednesday, but was postponed at that time due to wet grounds.

Dalton scored its go-ahead run on a controversial play in the fifth inning. Dave Pikett walked and was thrown out at the plate attempting to score on Dave Gargan's double. When Gargan headed for third, catcher Steve Brown threw to the base which was left uncovered. The ball sailed into left field and Gargan scored on the error.

South Berkshire protested that Dalton third base coach Tom Caliento had entered the playing field and that Brown had mistaken the coach for his third baseman. Plate umpire Ed Ladley ruled that Brown's throw had been a reflex move and the protest was not allowed.

All three Dalton runs scored on errors and were unearned, as was one of South Berkshire's two tallies.

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Itam Lodge is winner in BRL tilt

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Itam Lodge defeated Lipton's 6-3 in a Babe Ruth League National division game Wednesday night.

Rick Taikowski allowed 11 hits to Lipton's but was strong in the clutches. He received errorless support.

Mark Bushey led Lipton's at bat with three hits.

Mitch Wood and Bob Mahoney had two hits each for the winners; Jeff Altman, Mark Litano and Jay Murphy, the same number for the losers.

GEAA will go against IUE 255 in a league game tonight.

The score:

Itam

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Flynn, rf	2	1	0	1	0	0
Martin, lf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Wood, c	3	2	2	7	0	0
M. Sheran, cf	3	1	1	4	0	0
Mahoney, 1b	2	0	2	5	0	0
DiMassimo, 2b	2	0	1	0	0	0
D. Sheran, ss	3	0	0	1	4	0
Hurley, 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Taikowski, p	0	2	0	1	1	0
Totals	22	6	6	21	5	0

Liptons

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Murphy, cf	3	1	2	2	0	0
Lussier, p,rf	4	1	1	0	2	0
Altman, ss,p	4	1	2	1	0	1
Bushey, 1b	4	0	3	4	1	0
Litano, c	3	0	2	7	0	0
Gregory, lf	3	0	1	2	0	0
Ryan, 2b,3b	4	0	0	1	0	0
Chiaretta, 3b,ss	2	0	0	0	0	1
LeClair, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
DiOrio, 2b	1	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	30	3	11	18	3	2

Itam	000 141 x—6
Lipton's	003 000 0—3

DP — Busbey, Altman. RBI — Bushey, Litano, Wood, Mahoney, DiMassimo, M. Sheran. 3B — Wood. SB — Wood, Litano. SF — M. Sheran

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Taikowski (W)	7	11	3	2	2	4
Lussier (L)	5⅔	3	5	4	4	3
Altman	1⅓	3	1	1	2	3

HBP—Flynn Taikowski, Litano
T — 2 hours
UMPIRES — Carlo and Kearns

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GEAA's Pete Gagne has another no-hit victory

Pete Gagne was the man of the hour Saturday in the Babe Ruth League's National Division as he hurled his second no-hit, no-run game of the season, blanking O'Connell's 4-0 for the GEAA team at Deming Field.

Right fielder Dale Harrington made the defensive play of the game and preserved Gagne's no-hitter with a great running catch of Jim Burn's drive to end the game.

Gagne walked six men but struck out eight. There were three errors behind him. The win was his fifth straight.

Frank Pelkey rapped three of GEAA's eight hits.

The score:

GEAA

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Pelkey, ss	4	2	3	3	1	0
Messana, cf	3	1	1	1	1	0
Ryan, c	2	1	0	7	0	2
Pete Gagne, p	3	0	0	1	3	0
O'Leary, 1b,lf	4	0	1	2	0	1
Matteodo, lf	3	0	1	1	0	0
x-Kelly	1	0	0	0	0	0
Crowley, 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nash, rf	2	0	1	0	0	0
xx-Pat Gagne	1	0	1	0	0	0
Harrington,	rf 1	0	0	2	0	0
Labarbera, 2b	3	0	0	2	0	0
Murphy, 3b	1	0	0	1	1	0
xxx-Stamer	1	0	0	0	0	0
Colbert, 3b	1	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	30	4	8	21	6	6

O'CONNELL

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Leach, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burns, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Connally, 1b	1	0	0	4	0	0
z-Funk	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fergunson, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Licardi, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Valle, 3b	2	0	0	4	2	0
Brindle, lf,1b	3	0	0	8	0	1
Houle, cf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Lefkowitz, c	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harrington, c	1	0	0	2	0	0
Fiero, 3b,2b	3	0	0	1	3	1
Shreenan, ss	1	0	0	1	1	0
Durkee, p	3	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	19	0	0	21	9	2

x-pinch hit for Matteodo in 7th
xx-pinch hit for Nash in 5th
xxx-pinch hit for Murphy in 4th
z-pinch hit for Connally in 3rd

GEAA	003 001 0—4

DP — Pete Gagne-Pelkey-O'Leary; Messana-O'Leary; Pete Gagne-Pelkey. RBI —Ryan, Pete Gagne, O'Leary. SB — Pelkey (3), Messana. S — Messana.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Pete Gagne (W)	7	0	0	6	8	
Durkee (L)	7	8	4	3	2	2

BALK — Durkee.
Time — 2 hours.
Umpires — Schmidt, Messer.

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Mark Mitchell

COUNTY CHAMPS of Babe Ruth League baseball are these members of the Dalton team: First row, left to right — Bill McMahon, Fred Barschdorf, Dan O'Handley, Jim McClure, Steve Suriner and Gary Nassif; second row — head coach Fred Warren, Ken Pease, Mike Rivers, Keith Porter, Doug McHugh and Dave Gargen; third row — coach Fred Fahey, Tim Farrell, Tom Boino, Dave Pikett, Paul Gallaher and coach Tom Caliento.

Dalton wins BRL title by beating Americans

By Jan Tavalin

The Dalton All-Stars are the 1974 Berkshire County Babe Ruth League champions.

The Cinderella team of this year's District 1 (Berkshire County) tournament, Dalton took the title by defeating the Pittsfield American League All-Stars, 3-1, before 261 fans at Clapp Park yesterday. The Americans had been heavily favored after pounding Lee, 23-5, in the semifinals. Dalton had advanced to the finals following back-to-back 3-2 wins over Adams and Southern Berkshire, the latter in a rain-interrupted game completed Saturday morning in Great Barrington.

Dalton did not look overly impressive in defeating the Pittsfield team, but got an effective mound performance from right-hander Tom Boino and came up with the big play when it was needed, both at the plate and in the field.

Boino scattered four hits and three walks. He fanned only four, but kept Pittsfield hitters off balance, getting them to hit the ball on the ground or send lazy fly balls into a stiff breeze blowing in from center field. He was toughest in the pinch, turning back Pittsfield threats in the final three innings, including a bases loaded situation in the seventh. Shortstop Jim McClure and second baseman Mike Rivers were impressive defensively. McClure handled five grounders flawlessly, Rivers threw out two batters and caught two pop flies, including a back-to-the-plate snare of Gary Barcher's bloop behind second with two out and a man on third in the fifth.

Dalton missed a golden opportunity in the first inning, loading the bases with one out on two walks and a single. But Pittsfield pitcher Paul Stockley settled down to retire McClure on a liner to short and get Timmy Farrell on a fly to center.

Pittsfield picked up an unearned run in the second when Joe Murphy singled to center, took second on a muffed pickoff attempt and went to third on a balk. When Stockley hit a slow grounder to second, Murphy beat the throw to the plate, giving the Americans a 1-0 lead.

Stockley, who struck out the side in the second, got in hot water again in the third. This time Dalton came through with two key hits to take a 3-1 lead. Dave Gargon opened with a single and, with one out, Boino walked. Gary Nassif hit a dying swan that dropped safely behind second to load the bases. McClure worked Stockley for a walk to force in a run, and a second scored as Farrell singled deep in the hole at short. Stockley fanned Doug McHugh for the second out, but pinch-hitter Ken Pease punched a single to left, scoring Nassif. When McClure tried to follow, he was gunned down at the plate on a perfect throw from Steve Shea.

Stockley became very effective after that and, pitched hitless ball the final four innings. He finished with 12 strikeouts, fanning the side again in the seventh.

After Rivers' fielding gem saved a run in the fifth, Pittsfield put two men in scoring position with two out in the sixth, before Mike Larkin popped to Rivers to end the threat. In the final frame, a single by Shea, a hit batsman and a walk loaded the bases with two out. But Joe Murphy hit a towering fly to center which Nassif corraled for the final out.

Dalton will meet the District 2 winner in the opening round of the sectional tournament Thursday evening.

GREAT BARRINGTON — Dalton gained the finals with a rain-interrupted 3-2 victory over Southern Berkshire. Jim McClure limited South Berkshire to three hits, but loaded the bases on walks in the seventh before retiring Bob Jurgenson on a foul pop-up to end the game. Bob McGowen went all the way in defeat for South Berkshire. All three Dalton runs scored on errors. Gary Nassif and Dave Gargan had doubles for Dalton, and each scored. South Berkshire's Mike Massini scored the only earned run of the game. He singled, took second on a walk and scored on Paul Martin's bunt single.

The scores:

Friday-Saturday

South Berkshire

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Ornelerchuck, ss	2	0	0	1	2	0
Jurgenson, cf	3	1	0	0	1	0
McGowen, p	1	0	0	1	1	0
Brown, c	3	0	1	10	1	1
Kydes, 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Massini, 2b	2	1	1	1	0	1
Chessare, 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermule, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Martin, lf	3	0	1	3	0	1
Bleau, 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0
x-Seidman, 1b	2	0	0	2	1	0
Totals	21	2	3	18	6	3

Dalton

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Gargan, rf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Rivers, 2b	3	0	0	2	1	0
Boino, 3b,ss	3	0	1	3	0	0
Nassif, cf	2	1	1	0	0	0
McClure, p	2	1	1	0	0	1
Farrell, lf	2	0	1	2	0	0
McHugh, c	3	0	0	10	1	0
Suriner, ss	1	0	0	1	2	0
Pease	1	0	0	0	0	0
Barschdorf, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pikett, 1b	1	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	22	3	5	21	4	1

x-Struck out for Bleau in the 5th.

* Game suspended with 1 out, bottom of the sixth Friday after 1:34 of play. Completed Saturday.

South Berkshire	000 110 0—2
Dalton	010 110 x—3

DP — Dalton 2; LOB — South Berkshire 6, Dalton 5; RBI — Martin; 2B — Nassif, Gargan.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
McClure (W)	7	3	2	1	8	9
McGowen (L)	6	5	3	0	3	7

HBP — Farrell (McGowen)
WP — McClure.
Time — 2 hours, 1 minute.
A — 154.
Umpires — Ed Ladley of Pittsfield and Pete Cowlin of Dalton.

Sunday

Dalton

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Gargan, rf	3	1	1	2	0	0
River, 2b	2	0	0	2	2	1
Boino, p	3	1	1	0	1	0
Nassif, cf	2	1	1	2	0	0
McClure, ss	2	0	0	0	5	0
Farrell, lf	3	0	1	1	0	0
McHugh, c	3	0	0	3	1	0
Pikett, 1b	1	0	0	3	0	1
x-Pease, ph	1	0	1	0	0	0
O'Handley, 1b	1	0	0	7	0	0
Barschdorf, 3b	2	0	0	1	1	1
Totals	23	3	5	21	10	3

Pittsfield Americans

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Burt, 2b,ss	4	0	1	3	1	0
Barcher, 3b	3	0	0	1	1	0
LaRochelle, cf	3	0	1	1	0	0
J.Murphy, 1b	4	1	1	2	1	0
Barbarotta, c	3	0	0	13	1	0
Stockley, p	2	0	0	0	0	0
W.Murphy, ss	1	0	0	1	0	0
Larkin, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Carroll, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Shea, lf	2	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	26	1	4	21	5	0

x-Singled for Pickett in the third

Dalton	003 000 0—3
Pittsfield Americans	010 000 0—1

DP — Pitts. Americans 1; LOB — Dalton 6, Pitts. Americans 9; RBI — J. Murphy, McClure, Farrell, Pease; SB — Burt, Stockley, Gargan; S — W. Murphy, Rivers

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Boino (W)	7	4	1	0	3	4
Stockley (L)	7	5	3	3	6	12

HBP — Barcher (Boino).
WP — Stockley.
BALK — Boino.
Time — 1 hour, 48 minutes.
A — 261.
Umpires — Buddy Byron, Ed Ladley, Pete Cowlin.

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GEAA rolls over Lipton in BR tilt

Gagne misses third no-hitter; Supply clobbers Local 254

Pete Gagne of GEAA lost a bid for his third no-hitter of the season last night in a Babe Ruth National Division game against Lipton.

Gagne had two outs in the sixth inning when Mark Litano singled for Lipton's first hit. Gagne gave up two more hits in the seventh but had no trouble keeping his shutout as GEAA won handily 7-0. The victory was GEAA's seventh without a loss.

Dennis Messana paced the winners' attack with three hits while Kevin O'Leary and Frank Pelky had two apiece.

In the American Division, Western Supply jumped on IUE Local 254 pitching for nine runs in the second and coasted to a 13-3 win.

Ed Bertoldi sparked the Suppliers with three hits, while Paul Stockley knocked in three runs and Chris Potter accounted for two RBIs.

Steve Shea was the winning pitcher, scattering five hits and one earned run, striking out 11 and walking five.

Tonight, Adams Super Markets plays Comet Jewelers in the American and Itam meets O'Connell Cadillac in the National.

Dalton faces Greenfield in Babe Ruth tournament

By Jan Tavalin

Are the Dalton Babe Ruth All-Stars for real?

Will they go on to even greater glories in sectional and state tournament play or will they be brought down to earth by the stiffer overall competition provided by the district champions from Central Massachusetts and the Connecticut Valley?

A good indication of what fate holds in store should be provided this evening when the Dalton team goes to Greenfield to take on the District 2 champions in the first round of the Section I tournament at 5:30 p.m. at Veterans Field. The Berkshire District champs will be pitted against the defending section I titleholders. The Greenfield team took the 1973 title, by defeating the Pittsfield Americans on a no-hitter by Doug Welenc.

This year, Welenc has moved on to American Legion ball, and the Pittsfield Americans fell to Dalton, 3-1, in the district finals. Dalton had previously taken a pair of 3-2 victories from Adams and South Berkshire.

In taking the district title Dalton showed little offensive punch and practically no power. The fielding was steady, but unspectacular. They did present two good pitchers in Tom Boino and Jim McClure. Boino, who set down the Americans on four hits and one unearned run Sunday, will take the mound this evening.

Perhaps Dalton's biggest asset is its coolness under pressure. Time after time they came through in the clutch during the district tourney, and in both the semifinals and finals, the final out of the game came with the bases loaded.

One person who feels the Berkshires will be well represented in the sectional competition is Dalton head coach Fred Warren. "I thought we played a good ball," he said, referring to the district tournament. "We won three games, and we beat some pretty tough teams. I thought Adams was definitely tougher than the Pittsfield Americans."

Warren is considering one lineup change for tonight's contest. He may start Dan O'Handley at first base. O'Handley entered Sunday's contest in the third inning after starter Dave Pikett had been lifted for a pinch hitter. He looked good defensively, getting seven putouts.

Other likely starters are Mike Rivers at second base, McClure at short and Fred Barschdorf at third. Tim Farrell will start in left field, Gary Nassif in center and Dave Gargan in right. Doug McHugh will be behind the plate.

Dalton does not have any clear-cut hitting standouts. Nassif and Gargan appeared to be the most consistent in district play. One of the team's better hitters will not start. He is Ken Pease. Relegated to the role of pinch hitter, Pease came through twice during the district tourney. His pinch single against the Americans Sunday, drove home his team's final run. "We're hoping we won't need him against Greenfield," said Warren, "but if we do, Ken will be ready."

For the first time this year, the sectional will be a double-elimination affair. While Dalton and Greenfield tangle tonight, District 3 champ South Hadley will play the District 4 titleholder, representing Central Massachusetts. Tomorrow, the two first-round winners will meet in one game, the two first-round losers in another. The loser of the losers' game will be eliminated, the victor in the winners' bracket will draw a semifinal bye. The other two teams will play Saturday to determine which will advance to the finals. The finals will be played Monday and, if necessary, Tuesday.

Regarding of how Dalton fares tonight, its second-round game will be played in Dalton tomorrow at 5:30 p.m.

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olice Assn. donates $400 to Ruth League

GREAT BARRINGTON — The local branch of the Massachusetts Police Association yesterday donated $400 to the Southern Berkshire Babe Ruth League.

The donation will pay for the balance of a $900 expenditure this year to purchase new uniforms for the Great Barrington teams in the Babe Ruth League, according to the association.

The Babe Ruth League is still seeking funds from other organizations for new equipment.

The police association also plans to make periodic donations to other community groups and will establish two $300 scholarships at Monument Mountain Regional High School next spring, according to Richard Jones, vice president.

VFW beats GE 5-3 for 1st win of year

The VFW forged its first win of the Babe Ruth season last night, knocking off American Division leader General Electric 5-3.

Don Pero was the winning hurler, going five innings and yielding only four hits and one earned run. Mike LaRochelle came on in relief for the Vets in the sixth with men on second and third and set down six straight batters for the save. LaRochelle also doubled and scored twice.

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The Vets rallied for four runs in the fifth to overcome a 2-1 GE lead in the game. Bucky Kendall had two hits for the losing Electricians.

In the National Division, Paul Jamross scattered five hits and collected three of his own at the plate to lead IUE Local 255 to a 3-2 decision over the Irish Americans.

John Sokolowski pitched well in defeat for the Irish, giving up only six hits. Both hurlers struck out five batters. Rob Turner of the Irish and Local's Jeff Cadea each had two hits.

Tonight's action in the Babe Ruth League has GEAA at Union Federal in the National and Besse-Clarke facing Western Mass. Supply in the American.

Wednesday night in the Babe Ruth League, Itam defeated O'Connell Cadillac 8-2 in the National, and Adams Super Markets rolled over Comet Jewelers 14-3.

BRL Thursday

Adams Super Markets

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Burt, ss	2	2	1	3	3	0
Heaphy, cf	4	1	0	4	0	0
Snyder, lf,p	3	3	1	0	1	0
Barbarotta, c	5	2	3	8	0	1
Hiser, 1b	3	1	1	5	1	1
McKeever, 2b	0	1	0	1	0	0
Gerlach, 2b	3	1	0	0	2	0
White, rf	1	1	1	0	0	0
Flynn, rf	1	1	0	0	0	0
Carr, lf	1	1	0	0	0	0
Harrington, p,lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
J.Larkin, 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0
King, 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	14	7	21	8	2

Comet Jewelers

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Austin, 2b	2	0	0	0	1	1
z-Schmidt, ph,2b	3	0	0	0	0	1
M.Larkin, 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0
Resnick, p,cf	3	0	0	1	2	0
J.Murphy, ss	4	0	3	2	2	0
W.Murphy, cf,p	2	1	1	0	0	0
Kennedy, 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carpenter, c	0	0	0	5	0	0
Phillips, c	2	0	0	3	0	0
Aitkin, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Batini, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Kelly, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Bishop, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	1	4	12	5	2

z-pinch hit for Austin in 4th

Adams Super Markets	1100 030 x—14
Comet Jewelers	021 000 0—3

LOB — Adams Super Markets 10, Comet Jewelers 13; RBI — Burt 2, Synder 2, Barbarotta 3, McKeever 2, White 2, King, Austin, Aitkin; 2B— Burt, Barbarotta 2; SB — Burt, Snyder, White

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Adams SM wins in 13 over IUE

An infield single by Scott White scored Tim Snyder from third with the deciding run as Adams Super Markets shaded IUE 254, 2-1 in Babe Ruth American game last night in the 13th inning.

The hit also made Snyder the winning pitcher. He worked three scoreless innings in relief of starter Dave Hiser, who allowed only one earned run through 10 innings.

Mike Phillips of IUE had two hits.

The score:

Adams Super Mkt.

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Burt, ss	3	0	1	3	3	0
Heaphy, cf	2	0	0	5	1	0
Snyder, p,1b	3	2	0	7	4	0
J. Barbarotta, c	3	0	1	15	2	1
Hiser, 1b,p	5	0	1	2	1	0
McKeever, 2b	5	0	0	2	3	0
White, rf	6	0	1	1	0	0
Cass, lf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Larkin, 3b	4	0	0	2	1	1
Totals	35	2	4	39	15	2

IUE Local 254

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Mazzer, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sweener, 2b,rf	4	0	0	3	1	0
Ostrikis, 1b	5	0	0	9	1	0
Brothers, lf	6	0	1	0	1	0
Barcher, ss	5	1	0	4	6	0
Phillips, c	4	0	2	9	2	0
Keegan, 3b	5	0	1	2	3	0
Madden, 2b	0	0	0	1	0	0
J.Navaroski, 2b	1	0	0	3	0	0
Jester, p, pf	2	0	0	1	1	0
Shepard, cf	2	0	1	1	0	0
Demarsico, cf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Cusson, 2b,f	5	0	1	2	2	0
Totals	44	1	6	37	17	0

★One out when winning run scored

Adams Super Mkts.	100 000 000 000 1—2
IUE Local 254	000 010 000 000 0—1

LOB — IUE 9, Adams 13; RBI — White, Hiser, Phillips; SB — Burt, Heaphy, J. Barbarotta, Larkin; S — Heaphy, Snyder, Hiser

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Hiser	10	5	1	0	2	9
Snyder (w)	3	1	0	0	0	3
Cusson	10	3	1	1	7	4
Jester (l)	2⅓	1	1	1	4	0

HBP — J. Navaroski, Larkin, Heaphy; WP — Cusson
Time — 2 hours, 30 minutes
Umpires — Kirby and Harrison

JUL 13 1974

Dalton team eliminated in Babe Ruth playoffs

By Jan Tavalin

DALTON — It's all over for the Dalton All-Stars. The Berkshire district representative was eliminated from the ranks of the Babe Ruth League sectional tournament by absorbing its second straight defeat, a 21-1 mauling at the hands of defending state champion Leominster here last evening. Dalton had previously dropped a 9-8 decision to Greenfield on Thursday.

It was evident from the start that Dalton was up against a tough, highly polished contender. Leominster had been shocked, 5-3 by District 3 champs South Hadley in the opening round, and it was a hungry, determined bunch of ballplayers that took the field at Pine Grove Park.

Using the bunt, some daring base running, and well-stroked line drive hits, the Central Mass. champs got to starter Dan O'Handley for five runs in the first inning. Coach Fred Warren decided to go with the lefthander after using his two best pitchers, Tom Boino and Jim McClure in the loss to Greenfield.

They added four more off reliever Timmy Farrell in the second, to take an insurmountable 9-0 lead.

Leominster opened the game with a perfectly placed bunt single by Dave Altobelli to set the tempo for the game. Another bunt single, a walk and two line drive singles accounted for four runs and chased O'Handley. Farrell was greeted with a run-scoring single before getting the final out.

Finding a weak link in the Dalton defense, Leominster continued its game of bunt, run and punch in the second inning. Two bunt singles, a pair of stolen bases and a pair of line singles, together with Pete Gamache's triple accounted for four runs. They wrapped it up with a 10-run fifth inning, belting Gary Nassif, Keith Porter and Fred Barschdorf for seven hits, including a triple by Rick Gallien and doubles by Mark Gasbarro and Gamache.

Dalton Scores

Dalton's run came in the bottom of the fifth. Paul Galliher walked, took third on Dave Gargan's single and scored on an infield out. Leominster starter Brian McNally went all the way, limiting Dalton to five hits.

Dalton put the leadoff man on base in each of the first five innings, but except for the fifth, no runner got as far as second.

Gamache led the Leominster attack, driving in five runs with four hits. His double and triple both carried over 350 feet on the fly. McNally drove in three runs with as many hits.

Dalton added to its own problems with some poor defense by their pitchers and catchers. Leominster received several hits when the pitcher was slow coming off the mound. They stole seven bases in as many attempts; mostly off the pitcher. Dalton was guilty of four wild pitches and two passed balls.

Away from the mound, Dalton played creditable defense. Second baseman Mike Rivers made several impressive plays, while outfielders Porter and Gargan came up with fielding gems. Leominster, a surprisingly well-disciplined team for a Babe Ruth League team, played peerless defense. In fact, they hardly did anything wrong all evening.

The game was broadcast back to Leominster by WLMS.

The score:

LEOMINSTER

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Altobelli, 2b	3	3	2	2	0	0
zz-Shaw, ph-2b	1	1	0	1	3	0
Bergeron, cf	5	2	3	0	0	0
Charielle, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gasbarro, 3b	5	1	1	1	0	0
xx-Stebbins, ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Donnelly, rf	3	2	2	0	0	0
zzz-Daignault pr-rf-cf-3b	0	2	0	0	0	0
Gamache, lf	5	3	4	2	0	0
McNally, p	4	2	3	1	2	0
Amadio, 1b	2	1	1	1	0	0
z-Moynihan, 1b	2	1	0	4	0	0
Normandin, c	4	1	2	4	0	0
x-Corliss, ph-c	1	0	0	2	1	0
Gallien, ss	3	2	1	3	0	0
Totals	40	21	19	21	6	0

DALTON

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Gargan, rf	4	0	2	2	0	0
Rivers, 2b	3	0	0	0	4	0
McMahon, 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boino, ss	3	0	0	2	3	1
Nassif, cf-p	3	0	1	2	0	0
McClure, 3b-p	3	0	1	0	3	1
Farrell, lf-p	2	0	1	0	0	0
Pease, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Porter, 1b,lf,cf,p	2	0	0	1	0	0
Barschdorf, p,3b,2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
McHugh, c,1b	2	0	0	9	1	1
Pikett, 1b	1	0	0	3	0	0
O'Handley, p-1b	0	0	0	1	0	0
Galliher, c	1	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	26	1	5	21	11	3

Z—Safe on error for Amadio in the 5th
ZZ — Walked for Altobelli in the 5th
ZZZ — Ran for Donnelly in the 5th
X — Struck out for Normandin in the 6th
XX — Grounded out for Gasbarro in the 7th

Leominster	540 1101 1—21
Dalton	000 010 0—1

LOB — Leominster 6, Dalton 6
RBI — Gamache 5, McNally 3, Gasbarro 2, Amario 2, Bergeron, Normandin, Gallien, Charielle, Rivers
2B — Gamache, Gasbarro
3B — Gamache, Gallien
SB — Altobelli 2, Bergeron, Donnelly, Daignault, Amadio, Gallien
S—Gallien

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
O'Handley (l)	⅔	4	5	5	1	1
Farrell	⅔	6	4	4	0	1
Nassif	3	4	5	5	3	0
Porter	⅓	3	4	3	0	0
Barschdorf	0	1	1	0	1	0
McClure	2⅓	1	2	2	2	1
McNally (w)	7	5	1	1	2	6

WP — O'Handley, Porter, Barschdorf, McClure; PB — McHugh, Galliher; A — 217
Time — 2:22
Umpires: Paul Gibbons of Great Barrington; Ed Ladley of Pittsfield

GEAA stays unbeaten with late rally in BRL

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Kevin O'Leary drove home Peter Gagne with the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning Saturday to give GEAA a come-from-behind 6-5 victory over IUE Local 255 in the National Division of the Babe Ruth League.

GEAA trailed 5-0 going into the fifth inning, then rallied for two runs in each of the last three frames to win the game and remain undefeated after nine contests.

O'Leary and Gagne paced the GEAA attack with three hits apiece and Mike Ryan picked up the mound win. Joe Yanone was the losing pitcher.

In the American Division, both Gary Barcher of IUE Local 254 and Joe Murphy of Comet Jewelers twirled two-hitters, but Barcher's control was erratic as he walked home two of the Comet runs and forced in the third by hitting a batter with a pitch. Barcher walked seven in the game, while Murphy struck out 12.

IUE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Linker, 3b	4	1	1	2	2	0
Yannone, p	2	0	1	1	1	0
Caden, cf	2	1	0	1	0	0
Viale, c	3	0	1	5	1	0
Jamross, 1b	2	0	1	8	0	0
Mackey, lf	3	0	0	1	1	0
Gardner, ss	3	1	1	1	0	0
Giardina, 2b	3	1	1	0	1	0
Pusky, rf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Totals	25	5	7	20	6	0

GEAA

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Pelkey, ss	4	2	2	2	1	0
LaBarbera, 2b	3	0	0	2	1	1
Ryan, p	3	0	1	1	0	0
Pete Gagne, c	4	2	3	4	1	0
O'Leary, 1b	4	1	3	5	1	0
Matteodo, lf	3	0	1	3	0	0
Harrington, rf	1	0	0	1	1	1
Nash, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Messana, cf	3	1	2	2	1	0
Pat Gagne, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	2
Murphy, 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	6	12	21	6	4

IUE	005 000 0—5
GEAA	000 022 2—6

DP — Pelkey, Labarbera, O'Leary — Messana, O'Leary; RBI — Viale, Pelkey, Ryan, O'Leary-2, Messana; 2B— O'Leary; 3B—Messana, Gagne; SB—Linker, Pelkey-4, O'Leary; SF—Ryan

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Mike Ryan (w)	7	7	5	1	2	4
Joe Yannone (l)	7	12	6	5	1	4

Time — 2 hours
Umpires — Kirby and Barbas

Comet Jewelers

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Austin, 2b,3b	1	1	0	1	0	0
Schmidt, 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0
Carpenter, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Resniek, cf	2	1	0	0	0	0
W.Murphy, ss	2	0	1	2	1	0
J.Murphy, p	2	0	0	2	2	0
B. Schneider, c	1	1	0	12	0	0
Battoni, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Aitkin, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
D.Kennedy, 1b	1	0	0	1	0	0
D.Phillips, 1b	1	0	0	2	0	0
Bishop, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fitzpatrick, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Larkin, 3b	2	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	20	3	2	21	4	0

IUE Local 254

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Shepard, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
M. Phillips, c	3	0	0	6	0	0
Brothers, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Barcher, p	3	0	1	3	2	0
Ostrikis, ss	2	0	0	1	2	0
Keegan, 3b	3	0	1	0	1	1
Cusson, 1b	3	0	0	7	1	0
Madden, 2b	0	0	0	1	0	0
J.Navaroski, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Sweener, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
DeMarsico, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	0	2	18	7	1

Comet Jewelers	002 001 x—3
IUE	000 000 0—0

DP — None; LOB — Comet Jewelers 8, IUE local 254 4; RBI — J. Murphy 1, Bishop 1, Schneider; 2B — None; 3B — None; HR — None; SB — Barcher 1, Madden 1; S — None SF — None

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
J. Murphy (w)	7	2	0	0	3	12
Barcher (l)	5	2	3	2	7	6

HBP — J. Murphy; Balk — None; WP — None; PB — None
Time — 1 hour, 30 minutes
Umpires: Messer and Ladley

Both BRL games result in deadlocked scores

Both Babe Ruth League games resulted in ties last night. In the National division, IUE and the Union Federal fought to a 3-3 stalemate. VFW Post 448 scored four runs in the seventh inning to deadlock Besse-Clarke 5-5 in the American division.

IUE scored an unearned run in the bottom of the seventh to pull on even terms with Union Federal. Dan Miraglia and Bruce Linker both fired four-hitters. Mike Frawley led all hitters with two hits. Mark Viale slammed a triple for IUE.

Tim Carroll of Besse-Clarke struck out 11 batters. Charley Nichols of Besse-Clarke had two hits for Besse's, including a double.

The scores:

IUE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Linker, p	3	0	1	3	1	0
Yannone, ss	4	0	1	3	1	1
Caden, cf	3	0	0	0	1	0
Jamross, 1b	2	1	0	2	2	0
Mackey, c	3	0	0	7	0	0
Fox, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lester, 2b	2	1	0	1	3	0
Messana, 3b	4	0	0	1	0	1
Tetlow, lf	1	0	0	3	0	0
Giardina, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pusky, rf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Viale, rf,lf	2	1	1	0	0	0
Hiedel, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	28	3	4	21	8	2

UNION FEDERAL

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
T.Arpante, lf	4	0	1	3	0	0
Montisanti, 2b	2	0	0	2	1	0
Maloy, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
R.Arpante, cf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Frawley, 3b	3	1	2	1	3	2
Hayes, ss	3	1	0	0	0	1
Malec, 1b	1	0	0	2	0	0
Nugai, c	2	0	1	8	0	1
Miraglia, p	3	0	0	0	2	0
Tierney, 1b	1	1	0	3	0	2
Totals	26	3	4	21	6	6

IUE 011 000 1—3
Union Federal 000 002 1—3

DP — Linker, Yannone; LOB — IUE 11, Union Federal 14; RBI — Yannone, Mantisanti, Nugai, T. Arpante; 3B — Viale; SB — Jamross 4, T. Arpante, Mackey 4, Yannone 2

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Maraglia	7	4	3	1	5	8
Linker	6⅓	4	3	1	9	4
Jamross	⅔	0	0	0	0	1

HBP — Lester, Nugai, Hayes
Time — 1 hour, 58 minutes.
Umpires — Harrison and Messer

V.F.W.

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Groves, c	2	0	1	4	1	1
O'Gara, c	2	0	0	1	1	0
Masterlz, ss	3	1	0	1	0	1
LaRochelle, 3b	4	2	1	3	1	0
Sanginetti, 2b	3	0	0	1	0	0
Crawford, 2b	1	0	0	1	1	0
Rocca, cf,p	3	0	0	4	3	1
Avalle, rf	2	0	1	2	0	0
Pero, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
Gniadek, 3b	1	0	0	2	0	1
Miller, 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Crocker, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Selvaggio, rf	1	1	0	1	0	1
G.Tagiente, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
D.Tagliente, lf	1	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	29	5	4	21	8	5

BESSE-CLARKE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Mickle, ss	2	0	1	2	1	0
T.DiNicola, ss	1	0	1	0	3	0
W.DiNicola, 3b,lf	4	3	1	1	0	0
Mark Dunn, 1b	2	1	1	9	0	3
Carroll, p	2	1	0	1	3	2
Regan, c	2	0	0	5	2	0
Nichols, c	2	0	2	2	0	0
M.Porter, lf,3b	3	0	1	1	1	1
Ely, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Mike Dunn, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Murphy, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ciejka, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Belair, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	5	7	21	10	6

VFW 000 001 4—5
Besse-Clarke 102 002 0—5

DP — VFW 2; LOB — VFW 8, Besse-Clarke 10; RBI — LaRochelle, Carroll 2, Nichols 2; 2B — Nichols; SB — Masterlz, LaRochelle, Sanghetti, Rocca, W. DiNicola, Mark Dunn, Carroll, Belair; S — Carroll.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Carroll	7	4	5	1	2	1
Rocca	5	2	3	0	5	4
Pero	2	5	2	2	1	1

HBP — Mickle, Ely, Masterlz, D. Tagliente, Selvaggio.
WP — Rocca 2.
BALK — Rocca.
PB — Nichols, Regan.
Time — 2 hours, 7 minutes.
Umpires — Woitkowski and Schmidt.

Anello stars for GE in BRL; Lipton wins

JUL 19 1974

Mike Anello won his own ball game last night, knocking in the winning run for General Electric in the seventh inning to give his team a 4-3 victory over IUE Local 254.

The Babe Ruth League American Division star was also the winning pitcher, going the entire way, while giving up four hits and striking out nine batters.

Brian Cusson drove in two of the three IUE runs in the fifth inning. Don Ostrikis was the losing pitcher.

Marl Latakas twirled a three-hitter and Mark Litano blasted a homer, triple and single for four runs batted in to lead Lipton to a 9-3 decision over the Irish-Americans in the National Division. Jeff Altman, Jay Murphy and Ken Lussier, each had two hit games for the winners.

The scores:

GE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Bence, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Trova, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Gross, 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gagliardi, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Gregory, 1b	3	1	1	7	0	0
Anello, p	2	1	2	1	3	0
Daury, 3b	3	0	0	1	0	0
Tucker, cf	1	1	0	0	0	0
Pomeroy, cf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Symanski, ss	2	0	0	0	0	0
Barton, ss	1	0	0	0	1	0
Kendall, c	1	0	0	9	1	0
Totals	24	3	4	21	5	0

IUE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Madden, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
DeMarsico, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Brothers, lf	1	1	0	1	0	0
Ostrikis, ss,p	3	1	1	1	0	0
Barcher, p,ss	4	0	1	1	1	0
Jester, cf,c	2	1	0	7	0	0
Shepard, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Keegan, 3b	2	0	1	1	0	1
Cusson, 1b	2	0	1	1	0	1
Mazzer, c,cf	3	0	0	7	1	0
Sweener, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
P.Navaroski, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
z-J.Navorski, ph,2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	3	4	20	3	1

z-pinch hit for DeMarsico in 6th

GE 020 001 1—4
IUE 000 030 0—3

LOB — IUE 9, GE 8; RBI — Bence, Anello, Kendall, Ostrikis, Cusson 2; SB — Gregory 2, Daury, Kendall, Brothers, Ostrikis, Barber 2, Keegan 2, Cusson; S — Wilson

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Anello (W)	7	4	3	3	6	9
Barcher	1⅓	1	2	1	4	4
Ostrikis (L)	5⅓	2	2	0	4	8

HBP — Brothers (Ostrikis.
WP — Anello.
PB — Kendall.
Time — 1 hour, 38 minutes.

LIPTON

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Altman, ss	4	1	2	3	3	0
Collins, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
DiOrio, 2b	2	2	0	1	3	0
Litano, c	3	1	3	6	0	0
Bushey, 1b	3	0	1	8	0	1
Magri, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gregory, lf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Murphy, cf	3	2	2	3	0	0
Ryan, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chiaretta, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Latakas, p	4	0	1	0	2	0
LeClair, rf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Lussier, rf	2	2	2	0	0	0
Totals	29	9	12	21	8	1

IRISH

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Cyr, c	2	0	0	6	1	0
Benham, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lussier, p	3	0	0	1	0	0
Filiault, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner, ss	3	0	1	1	2	0
Doucette, 1b	3	0	1	8	0	1
Mancivalano, rf	2	0	0	0	0	1
Sokolowski, p,rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Trembly, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Revord, 2b,rf	2	0	0	0	2	0
Perrault, lf	2	0	1	0	1	0
Fitzsimons, c	1	0	0	4	0	0
Morris, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Quadrozzi, rf,p	2	0	0	0	1	0
Hines, 2b	1	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	25	0	3	21	9	2

RBI — Latakas, Litano 4, Lussier, Altman; 2B — Doucetts, Murphy, Altman; 3B — Litano; HR — Litano; SB — Litano, Turner, Murphy, Lussier, Altman, DiOrio, Bushey

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Latakas (W)	7	3	0	0	3	6
Lussier (L)	4	3	1	1	3	5
Sokolowski	2	6	6	5	3	1
Quadrozzi	1	3	2	2	1	1

HBP — Murphy
Time — 2 hours.
Umpires — Harrison and Kearns.

Babe Ruth League sets benefit tilt

JUL 23 1974

Coaches to face players' team for Przedpelski Fund

The Pittsfield Babe Ruth League has scheduled a benefit game between the league coaches and players for the Ron Przedpelski Fund on Monday, Aug. 5, at 6:30 at Wahconah Park.

Coaches who will play in the game are Don Troy, Buddy Sheran, Joe Izzo, Bing Miller, Don Powers, Pete Astore, Bill Larkin, Dick Grady, Dan Giardina, Lou Orazio Jr., Will Altman, Mike O'Brien, Mickey Goodrich, Lionel Doucette, Jim Hill, Bill Hurley, Don Ostrikis, Fran Woodin, Tom Bauwens, Tom Giardina, John Izzo, Frank Shultz, Lou Gasson and Pat Larkin.

The players' squad will consist of one 15-year-old from each of the circuit's 14 teams, who did not make the league's all-star squads.

Przedpelski, a three-year member of the Babe Ruth League, was injured recently when a high tension wire fell on him burning his arm so severly amputation was necessary. He is hospitalized in Boston where he is undergoing treatment for burns. He had played five games this year before his accident and was batting .400 with a double, triple and home run to his credit.

Tickets for the benefit game may be obtained from any player or coach in the league.

VFW, IUE win Babe Ruth games

Two games were played last night in the Babe Ruth baseball league. VFW defeated Adams Super Markets 5-2, and IUE 255 downed O'Connell's 7-2.

Mike LaRochelle was the winning pitcher for VFW. LaRochelle fanned 10 and allowed only one earned run. He also hit a double and single and batted in two runs.

Tim Snyder of Adams rapped two singles and stole three bases.

IUE scored two runs in the second and added four in the third in its victory over O'Connell's.

Western Mass Supply plays General Electric today.

The scores:

VFW

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Groves, C	3	2	1	9	1	0
Masterlz, ss	3	1	0	1	0	1
LaRochelle, P	3	1	2	2	1	0
Sanginetti, 2B	2	0	0	1	2	0
Rocca, 3B	2	1	1	1	1	1
Avalle, RF	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gniadek, 1B	3	0	0	5	0	0
Miller, LF	3	0	0	1	0	0
Crocker, CF	2	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	23	5	4	21	5	2

Adams Super Mkt.

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Burt, ss, P	4	0	0	1	0	0
Heaphy, CF	4	1	1	1	0	0
Snyder, P, 3B, RF	3	0	2	0	0	2
J. Barbarotta, C	3	0	1	10	0	0
Hiser, 1B	2	1	0	3	2	0
z King, PR	0	0	0	0	0	0
McKeever, 2B	1	0	0	1	1	0
White, RF, ss	4	0	0	0	0	2
Carr, LF	3	0	0	2	0	0
V. Barbarotta, RF	0	0	0	0	2	0
Larkin, 3B	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	2	4	18	5	4

z— Pinch ran for Hiser in 7th

VFW 203 000 x—5
Adams 001 010 0—2

LOB — VFW 3, Adams 13; RBI — LaRochelle 2, J. Barbarotta 1; 2B — LaRochelle 1, Groves 1; SB — Snyder 3, J. Barbarotta 1, McKeever 1, White

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
L. Rochelle (W)	7	4	2	1	8	10
Burt * (L)	2	3	2	1	0	2
Snyder	5	1	3	0	2	7

*pitched to 1 batter in 3rd

HBP — Rocca 1
WP — Snyder 1
Time — 2 hours, 9 minutes
Umpires — Schmidt, Barbas

IUE 255

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Linker, 3b	4	1	1	2	2	0
Caden, cf	3	0	0	0	0	1
Gardner, ss	3	1	1	1	2	1
Jamross, 1b	2	2	1	6	0	0
Viale, c	3	1	2	8	3	0
Yannone, p	2	1	2	1	0	0
Mackey, lf	2	1	1	1	0	0
Puskey, rf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Giardina, 2b	2	0	0	2	2	0
Lester	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	7	9	21	9	2

O'CONNELL

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Fiero, cf	3	1	1	2	0	0
Durkee, p	2	0	0	0	5	0
Brindle, 1b	3	0	1	7	2	0
Shreenan, ss	3	1	1	1	3	1
Burns, lf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Funk, 3b	1	0	1	0	0	0
Harrington, c	3	0	0	7	0	0
Liccardi, 2b	1	0	1	0	0	0
Connally, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Leach, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Valle, 3b	1	0	0	1	0	0
Fergason, 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	2	6	18	10	1

IUE 024 001 0—7
O'Connell 010 001 0—2

DP — Fiero-Brindle, Gardner-Giardina-Jamross; RBI — Burns, Jamross, Pusky, Viale, Yannone, Valle, Linker; 2B — Shreenan, Jamross, Mackey; SB — Burns, Fiero, Yannone, Mackey

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Yannone (W)	7	6	2	2	5	7
Durkee (L)	7	9	7	6	4	4

Time — 1 hour 55 min.; Umpires — Carlo, Vinnette

JUL 20 1974

Gagliardi pitches GE to BRL win

Gregg Gagliardi pitched the General Electric to a 3-0 win over Western Massachusetts Supply in a Babe Ruth League game Saturday. He allowed only three hits and struck out eight.

The first two runs came on a squeeze play, with Mark Symanski getting the scores across with his fifth inning bunt.

The third came on Mike Anello's home run.

Paul Stockley had two hits for Western Mass. Supply, one of them a triple.

Dave Quetti pitched well in a losing cause, allowing only two hits and striking out seven.

The score:

GE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Pomeroy, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tucker, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gross, 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0
Symanski, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Daury, 3b	3	0	0	0	3	0
Gregory, 1b	2	0	0	11	0	0
Anello, lf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Gagliardi, p	3	0	0	0	2	0
Barton, ss	3	0	0	1	1	0
Kendall, c	2	1	1	8	0	0
x Bence, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Trova, pr, rf	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	2	2	21	8	0

MASS. SUPPLY

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Vuillemot, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Bertoldi, lf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Messer, c	3	0	0	7	1	0
Stockley, ss	3	0	2	1	3	0
Bell, 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0
Plankey, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	1
S. Shea, cf	3	0	1	2	0	0
Quetti, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
B. Shea, pf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Latvin, 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0
Knight, 2b	0	0	0	1	0	0
D.Potter, 1b	1	0	0	8	0	1
Anderson, 1b	1	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	24	0	3	21	7	2

x— Pinch ran for Bence in 5th

GE 000 021 0—3
Western Mass. 000 000 0—0

LOB — Western Mass. Supply 7, GE 5;RBI — Symanski 2, Anello 1;3b — Stokley; HR—Anello; SB—Pomeroy, Gagliardi 2, S. Shea;S — Quetti, Symanski

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Gagliardi (w)	7	3	0	0	3	8
Quetti (l)	7	2	3	3	4	7

Time — 1 hour, 40 minutes.
Umpires — Messer and Harrison

JUL 22 1974

The Berkshire Eagle, Tuesday, July 23, 19[illegible] — 9

Joe Murphy fans 18; Comet Jewelers roll

Joe Murphy fired a season's high of 18 strikeouts and gave up just three hits as Comet Jewelers whipped General Electric, 12-1, in the American Division of the Babe Ruth League last night.

Wayne Murphy led the Comets' offensive attack, with four hits in four trips and collecting two runs batted in. Chris Schneider also knocked in two runs for the winners.

In the National Division, Itam easily disposed off the Irish-Americans 12-3. Andy Robinson got the win with the help of Mark Donovan's four innings of scoreless relief work.

Mitch Wood had three hits and three RBIs to pace the Itam batters. Bob Mahoney also had three safties. Rob Turner had a pair of hits for the Irish.

Tonight, IUE Local 254 plays Bessie-Clarke in the American.

IRISH

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Cyr, c	2	1	0	6	2	0
Fitzmonnons, c	3	1	1	0	3	1
Lussier, p,lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner, ss	4	1	2	2	2	1
Doucette, 1b	4	0	1	6	0	0
Tremblay, cf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Filiault, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hines, 2b	3	0	0	2	1	0
Morris, 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1
Benham, 3b	2	0	0	2	1	0
Revord, lf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Quadrozzi, lf	1	0	0	0	1	0
Mancivilano, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Perrault, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	3	6	18	10	3

ITAM

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
D.Sheran, ss	2	2	1	0	1	0
White, ss	1	1	1	0	3	0
Flynn, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Martin, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wood, c	4	1	3	5	0	0
M.Sheran, cf	3	3	2	2	0	0
Mahoney, 1b	4	1	3	7	0	0
DiMassimo, 3b,2b	2	2	1	2	2	0
Connor, lf	1	1	0	1	0	0
Hurley, 3b	1	0	0	0	2	1
Gimlewitz, 2b	1	0	0	3	0	0
Robinson, p	1	0	0	1	1	0
Donovan, p	2	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	12	11	21	9	1

Irish	102	000	0—3
Itam	501	141	x—12

RBI—Trembly, Wood 3, Mahoney, M.Sheran, Doucette, Connor 2; 3B—Revord, Wood, Doucette; SB—D.Sheran, M.Sheran 3, DiMassimo, Trembly, Lussier; S—Lussier, DiMassimo, Flynn

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Robinson (W)	3	6	3	3	1	1
Lussier (L)	5	8	11	7	7	5
Donovan	4	0	0	0	4	2
Quadrozzi	1	2	1	1	1	1

Time— 2 hours 5 minutes.
Umpires—Kirby, Lipari.

COMET JEWELERS

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Austin, 2b	1	1	0	0	0	0
Schmidt, 2b	2	1	0	0	0	0
Resnick, cf	1	2	0	0	0	0
W.Murphy, ss	4	2	4	2	0	0
J.Murphy, p	3	2	1	0	2	0
D.Kennedy, 1b	2	0	0	4	0	0
Schneider, c	4	1	1	12	3	2
Carpenter, c	1	0	0	3	0	0
M.Larkin, 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Aitkin, rf	1	1	0	0	0	0
Battin, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
K.Kelly, lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bishop, lf	1	2	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	12	6	21	5	2

GENERAL ELECTRIC

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Trova, rf	2	0	0	1	1	0
Bence, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kendall, c	3	0	0	7	1	3
Daury, cf,3b	2	0	0	1	2	1
Gregory, 1b	3	1	1	7	0	0
Anello, lf,p	2	0	0	1	1	1
Gagliardi, 3b,cf,lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Gross, 2b	1	0	1	0	0	0
Pomeroy, 2b	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tucker, p,cf	3	0	1	1	1	0
Symanski, ss	2	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	22	1	3	18	8	6

Comet Jewelers	300	171	—12
General Electric	010	000	0—1

DP—GE 1, Comet Jewelers none; LOB—GE 3, Comet Jewelers 12; RBI—Resnick 1, Murphy 2, J.Murphy, D. Kennedy, Schneider 2; 2B—J.Murphy; SB—Schneider 2, M.Larkin, Austin, Gregory 2, Anello 2, Pomeroy, W.Murphy; S—Resnick

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
J.Murphy (W)	7	3	1	1	4	18
Anello (L)	4⅓	4	7	6	10	4
Tucker	1⅔	2	5	0	3	3

HBP—W.Murphy, Kennedy, Resnick, J.Murphy; PB—Kendall 2; Time—2 hours, 10 minutes

Gagne no-hitter spoiled, but GEAA rolls again

GEAA pitcher Pete Gagne lost his bid for a third no-hitter of the Babe Ruth season when John Brindle of O'Connell Cadillac tripled in the seventh inning last night in the National Division, but his team coasted to its 11th straight win by a 13-1 score.

The win was Gagne's eighth in a row and was clinched with a 10-run outburst in the fourth inning. Gagne also had a decent night at the plate for GEAA joining Kevin O'Leary and Jim Matteodo in having two hits. O'Leary drove in four fours as well.

In the American Division, Adams Super Marekts could only manage three hits off Western Mass Supply hurler Paul Stockey, but it scored five times to defeat WMS 5-1.

Tim Snyder was the winning pitcher for Adams, scattering seven hits and driving in three runs on offense.

The score:

O'CONNELL

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Fiero, P	3	0	0	1	0	0
Valle, 3B	3	0	0	0	1	2
Brindle, 1B, 2B	2	1	1	4	1	0
Shreenan, ss	3	0	0	5	1	1
Licarrdi, 2B	1	0	0	1	1	0
Durkee, 1B, P	1	0	0	1	1	0
Houle, CF	2	0	0	1	0	0
Connally, LF	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burns, LF	1	0	0	0	1	0
Lefkowitz, C	1	0	0	3	0	0
Harrington, C	1	0	0	2	0	0
Leach, RF	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fergason, RF	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	1	1	18	6	3

GEAA

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Pelkey, ss	4	1	1	0	1	0
Crowley, RF	2	0	0	0	0	0
Harrington, RF, C	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan, C, RF	2	2	1	7	1	0
Pete Gagne, P	3	2	2	1	2	0
O'Leary, 1B	2	2	2	8	0	0
Matteodo, LF	3	1	2	1	0	0
Messana, CF	4	1	1	0	0	0
Labarbera, 2B	2	1	0	0	0	0
Pat Gagne, 2B	1	1	0	0	1	0
Nash, 3B	0	0	0	1	1	0
Murphy, 3B	1	0	1	1	0	0
Kelly, z	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stamer, zz	0	2	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	13	10	19	6	0

z— Pinch hit for Nash in 4th
zz— Pinch run for Kelly in 4th

GEAA	011	1010	x—13
O'CONNELL	000	000	1—1

RBI — Pelkey 2, Ryan 2, Pete Gagne, O'Leary 4, Matteodo 2, Nash, Stamer; 3B — Brindle, O'Leary, Matteodo; SB — Pete Gagne, O'Leary, Messana, Labarbera; S — Pelkey

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Pete Gagne (W)	6⅓	1	1	0	3	8
Fiero (L)	3⅓	6	10	10	7	3
Durkee	2⅔	4	3	3	3	0

HBP — O'Leary
Time — 2 hours, 15 minutes
Umpires, Kirby, Messer

ADAMS SUPER MARKETS

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Heaphy, CF	2	1	0	0	0	0
McKeever, 2B	2	1	0	4	1	1
King, 2B	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burt, ss	3	1	1	0	4	0
J. Barbarotta, C	1	2	1	4	1	0
Snyder, RF, P	1	0	1	1	4	1
Hiser, 1B	1	0	0	8	1	0
Carr, LF	3	0	0	0	0	0
Flynn, LF	0	0	0	0	0	0
V. Barbarotta, 3B	2	0	0	1	1	1
Larkin, 3B	1	0	0	1	2	0
White, RF	2	0	0	2	0	0
Harrington, P, RF	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	5	3	21	14	3

WESTER MASS.

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Berdoldi, LF	2	0	1	1	0	0
Latihi, LF	0	0	0	0	0	0
C. Potter, RF	2	0	0	0	0	0
B. Shea, RF	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stockley, P	3	0	1	0	3	0
Vuillemot, CF	2	0	0	1	1	0
S. Shea, CF	2	0	1	0	0	0
Bell, 3B	4	0	1	1	2	0
Knight, 2B	1	0	0	1	0	0
Messer, 2B	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anderson, C	3	1	1	9	2	0
Plankey, ss	2	0	0	3	1	0
Quetti, 1B	2	0	1	5	1	0
Totals	24	1	6	21	10	0

ADAMS SUPER MARKETS	010	202	0—5
WESTERN MASS SUPPLY	010	000	0—1

Western Mass. 2, Adams Super Markets 1; LOB — Western Mass 11, Adams Super Markets; RBI — Snyder 3, Hiser 1, Bertoldi 1; 2B — None; 3B — Burt 1; HR — None; SB — Heaphy 1, J. Barbarotta; S— none; SF — Hiser 1.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Snyder (W)	6	7	1	1	9	4
Harrington	1	0	0	0	1	0
Stockley (L)	7	3	5	4	10	9

PB — J. Barbarotta, 1
Time — 1 hour, 37 minutes
Umpires — R. Woltkowski

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GEAA wins 10th straight

Jim Matteodo's sacrifice fly knocked in Mike Ryan in the last half of the ninth inning, enabling GEAA to gain its 10th straight Babe Ruth League victory, and a 3-2 over Itam Lodge last night.

Pete Gagne struck out 15 batters in going the full nine innings with a five-hitter.

In another league game, Comet Jewelers defeated Western Massachusetts Supply 3-1. Winning pitcher Joe Murphy allowed only one earned run and struck out 11. Paul Stockley had two hits for the losers, including a triple.

Rick Taikowski pitched well enough for Itam Lodge to win. Frank Peplowski took the loss in relief.

In games tonight, IUE 255 will go against Union Federal, and Besse-Clarke will face VFW Post 448.

The scores:

ITAM

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Flynn, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Martin, lf	4	0	1	5	0	0
Wood, c	4	1	2	9	0	0
M.Sheran, cf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Mahoney, 1b	4	0	0	8	0	0
DiMassimo, 2b	2	0	0	1	1	0
D.Sheran, ss	4	0	0	2	2	1
White, 3b	2	1	1	1	0	0
Taikowski, p	3	0	0	0	1	0
Hurley, 3b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Peplowski, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	33	2	5	26	6	1

GEAA

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Pelkey, ss	1	0	0	1	0	0
Harrington, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan, ss, c	3	1	2	5	3	1
PeteGagne, p	5	0	1	0	2	0
O'Leary, 1b	3	1	1	7	0	0
Matteodo, c, lf	2	1	1	10	0	0
Messana, cf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Labarbera, 2b	3	0	0	0	1	1
Murphy, 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0
Nash, lf	3	0	1	2	0	0
Stamer, z	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kelly, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crowley, zz	0	0	0	0	0	0
PatGagne, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	3	6	27	7	2

z— Pinch hit for Harrington in 5th
zz— Pinch hit for Kelly in 7th
zzz—Pinch run for Crowley in 7th

GEAA	000	002	001—3
Itam	101	000	000—2

DP — Mahoney; RBI — Martin; 2B — Martin; SB — White; S — Ryan; SF — Matteodo

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Pete Gagne	7	5	2	1	3	15
Taikowski	6	4	2	0	4	6
Peplowski	3	2	1	1	2	2

Time — 3 hours; Umpires — Kirby, Woitkowski.

Comet's

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Battini, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Bishop, lf	1	0	1	0	0	0
M.Larkin, 3b	2	0	0	0	2	1
Resnick, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
W.Murphy, ss	4	0	0	1	1	0
J.Murphy, p	2	1	1	0	3	0
Carpenter, c	1	0	0	7	0	0
x-Schneider, ph,c	2	0	0	5	0	0
Kennedy, 1b	3	0	1	6	0	0
Fitzpatrick, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Aitkin, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Phillips, 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Austin, 2b	1	1	0	1	0	0
Schmidt, 2b	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	3	3	21	6	1

W.M.Supply

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Vuillemot, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Bertoldi, 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Knight, 2b	0	0	0	3	1	0
Stockley, ss	2	1	2	1	1	0
Milesi, c	2	0	0	7	0	0
Anderson, c	1	0	0	3	1	0
Bell, 3b	2	0	1	0	0	0
S.Shea, p	2	0	0	1	2	0
B.Shea, cf	3	0	1	1	0	0
D.Potter, 1b	2	0	0	3	0	1
Quetti, 1b	1	0	0	2	1	1
C.Potter, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Messer, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	1	4	21	6	2

x-pinch hit for Carpenter in 4th

Comet Jewlers	010	011	0—3
Western Mass.	001	000	0—1

LOB — Comet Jewlers 8, Western Mass. 12; RBI — J. Murphy, Kennedy, Milesi; 3B— Stockley; SB — Knight, Bishop; S — Milesi, S. Shea, M. Larkin, Resnick, Knight; SF — Stockley.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
J. Murphy (W)	7	4	1	1	8	11
S. Shea (L)	7	3	3	2	8	10

WP — S. Shea, J.Murphy.
BALK — S. Shea.
Time — 1 hour, 52 minutes.
Umpires — Vinette and Gwinell.

BRL resumes on Thursday

The Pittsfield Babe Ruth League will resume play Thursday Aug. 1. New starting time for games will be 5:45.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	T	Pct.
Adams Super Mkts.	8	3	0	.727
Comet Jewelers	7	3	0	.700
General Electric	7	3	0	.700
Besse-Clarke	5	4	2	.556
IUE Local 254	3	8	0	.273
VFW Post 448	2	6	1	.250
Western Mass. Supply	2	7	1	.222

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T	Pct.
GEAA	11	0	0	1.000
Itam Lodge 564	6	3	1	.667
Lipton Oil	7	4	0	.636
Irish-American Club	4	5	1	.444
IUE Local 255	3	6	1	.333
O'Connell Cadillac	3	8	0	.273
Union Federal	1	9	1	.100

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Local 254 rally wins

IUE Local 254 scored four times in the sixth to shade Besse Clarke, 6-5, in a Babe Ruth League game last night.

Winning pitcher Brian Cusson had a hitless relief stint although he walked five in his 2⅔ innings. Mike Ostrikis had two hits, and Gary Barcher, two RBIs for the winners.

Tonight Western Mass. Supply will meet Adams Super Markets.

Lipton Oil rapped Union Federal, 13-1, in the National League game. Jeff Altman slammed three hits and picked up the pitching victory with a three-hitter. Rit Arpante had two hits for the Feds.

Tonight GEAA will play O'Connell Cadillac at 6.

The scores:

IUE LOCAL 254

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Sweener, rf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Mazzer, rf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Ostrikis, 1b,2b	3	1	12	6	1	0
Brothers, lf	2	1	1	0	0	0
Barcher, ss	3	1	1	1	0	0
Phillips, c	3	0	1	9	1	1
Keegan, 3b	2	1	1	1	0	0
Cussan, p,1b	3	1	1	3	2	0
Jester, cf	2	0	1	0	0	0
R.Navaroski, p	1	0	0	0	1	1
Madden, 2b	1	0	0	1	2	0
Totals	23	6	9	21	7	2

BESSE-CLARKE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Abair, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
zMickle, pr,2b	1	1	0	0	0	0
zzNichols, ph,2b	0	0	0	2	0	0
W.DiNicola, lf	3	1	2	0	0	0
Mark Dunn, 1b	3	0	0	5	0	0
Carroll, p	3	1	1	0	2	0
Belair, cf	3	1	0	0	1	0
M.Porter, 3b	1	0	1	2	2	0
Regan, c	2	0	0	7	1	0
T.DiNicola, ss	3	0	0	2	3	1
C.Porter, rf	0	1	0	0	0	0
Murphy, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
zzEly, ph,rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	5	4	18	9	1

z—Pinch ran for Abair in 3rd
zz—Pinch hit for Murphy in 6th
zzz—Pinch hit for Mickle in 6th

IUE LOCAL 254	020	004	x—6
BESSE-CLARKE	002	030	0—5

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
R. Navaroski	4⅓	4	6	4	5	6
Cusson (W)	2⅔	0	0	0	5	1
Carroll (L)	6	9	6	6	4	6

DP—IUE 1, Besse-Clarke 2; LOB—IUE 5, Besse Clarke 6; RBI—Carroll 2, M. Porter 2, Madden, Jester Cusson, Phillips, Barcher 2; 2B—Jester, Carroll; 3B—M. Porter, Keegan; SB—Carroll, Belair; S—Carroll

HBP—Jester, M. Porter; BALK—Carroll
Umpires: Ladley Woitkowski

LIPTON

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Altman, p	3	1	3	2	0	0
DiOrio, 2b, 3b	4	0	1	1	1	0
Litano, c	1	1	1	9	2	0
Bushey, lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
LeClair, lf	0	1	0	0	0	0
Gregory, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Magri, rf	1	1	1	0	0	0
Murphy, cf	3	1	0	0	0	0
Welter, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lussier, 2b, 1b	3	3	1	7	0	0
Chiaretta, ss	1	1	0	1	4	0
Collins, 2b	0	1	0	0	0	0
Latakas, 1b	1	1	1	0	1	0
Ryan, 3b, ss	3	2	1	1	0	0
Totals	27	13	9	21	8	0

UNION FEDERAL

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Ditmar, 3b	1	0	0	1	0	1
Frawley, p	2	0	0	1	2	1
Maloy, rf	2	1	0	1	0	0
R.Arpante, cf	3	0	2	0	0	0
Nugai, c	2	0	0	1	3	0
Niarchos, c	1	0	0	4	2	1
Miraglia, ss	3	0	1	0	2	2
Montesanti, 2b	3	0	0	0	2	0
Malec, 1b	2	0	0	10	0	0
Tierney, 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hayes, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	1	3	18	11	5

Lipton Oil	010	426	x—13
Union Federal	100	000	0— 1

DP — Litano-Ryan; RBI — Altman 3, DiOrio, Bushey, Magri 2, Lussier 2, Ryan, R.Arpante; 2B — Altman, DiOrio; SB — Maloy, Altman 2, DiOrio, Lussier, Litano 3, Chiaretta, Collins, Ryan 2

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Altman (W)	7	3	1	1	4	8
Frawley (L)	6	9	13	10	11	7

HBP — Litano, Frawley; Balk — Frawley 2; Time — 2 hours, 20 minutes; Umpires — Messer and Woitkoski

Coaches top players 13-3 in benefit

The Babe Ruth League coaches showed they could play baseball as well as mastermind it by beating a team of players 13-3 in the Ron Przedpelski benefit game last night at Wahconah Park. Przedpelski, who was a member of the league, had his arm amputated because of burns suffered when a high-tension wire fell on him this summer.

The players took an early 2-0 lead last night but the mentors got rolling to their triumph. Free substitution was permitted in the tilt.

About 300 friends and relatives of the players saw the game and $1,400 was realized. The Przedpelski family was introduced to the crowd.

AUG 6 1974

AUG 2 1974

Murphy 3-hits VFW; Itam romps in BRL

Comet Jewelers ended the GE vacation period by whipping VFW Post 448 8-0 last night in the American Division of the Babe Ruth League.

Joe Murphy was the star for the Jewelers, giving up just three hits and striking out 10. Jerry Schmidt and Dave Kennedy each drove two runs for the winners.

In the National Division, Mark Sheran stroked a home run and accounted for three RBIs as Itam capitalized on a pair of four-run innings to breeze past IUE Local 255 9-2.

Bob Mahoney chipped in two batted-in runs for Itam, while Frank Peplowski, who pitched two-hit ball for six innings, was the winning pitcher. Jim Gardina had two hits and drove in a run for IUE.

Tonight in the BRL, Adams Super Markets plays Besse-Clarke in the American, while O'Connell Cadillac and the Irish-Americans square off in the National.

Comet Jewelers

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Austin, 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Schmidt, 2b	2	1	2	0	0	0
Resnick, cf	3	1	0	0	0	0
W.Murphy, ss	4	2	1	1	0	0
J.Murphy, p	2	0	1	0	1	1
Schneider, c	4	1	0	11	0	0
Larkin, 3b	3	1	1	3	3	0
Kennedy, 1b	4	1	1	3	0	0
Kelly, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Atkin, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Bishop, lf	1	1	0	2	0	0
Totals	29	8	6	21	4	1

VFW Post 448

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
D. Taglienti, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Sanginetti, ss	3	0	1	1	3	3
LaRochelle, 3b	2	0	1	0	3	1
Gniadek, 1b	2	0	0	3	0	0
Rocca, lf	1	0	0	1	0	0
G. Tagliente, lf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Miller, 1b	1	0	0	3	0	0
O'Gara, c	3	0	0	7	0	0
Graves, rf	2	0	0	2	0	0
Pero, p	3	0	1	2	0	0
Crawford, 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	0	3	21	6	4

Comet Jewelers 000 011 6—8

LOB — Comets 6, VFW 5; RBI — Schmidt 1, W. Murphy, J. Murphy, Larkin, Kennedy 2; SB — LaRochelle 1, W. Murphy 1, J. Murphy; S — Larkin 1; SF — J. Murphy 1

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
J. Murphy (w)	7	3	0	0	4	10
Pero (l)	7	4	8	3	4	6

Time — 1 hour, 36 minutes
Umpires — Ladley and Kirby

Itam Lodge

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
D.Sheran, ss	2	2	0	1	0	0
White, ss	1	0	0	2	0	0
Martin, lf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Connor, lf	1	1	1	1	0	0
Wood, c	3	1	0	8	0	0
M. Sheran, cf	4	2	2	2	0	0
Mahoney, 1b	4	1	2	3	0	0
DiMassamo, 2b	1	1	0	0	2	0
Gimlewitz, 2b	1	0	0	1	0	0
Flynn, rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Taikowski, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hurley, 3b	3	0	2	2	3	1
Peplowski, p	3	0	1	0	1	1
Donovan, x	1	0	0	0	0	0
Robinson, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	9	9	21	6	2

IUE 255

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Fox, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Bowler, c	3	0	0	7	0	0
Caden, ss	3	0	0	2	2	0
Viale, lf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Mackey, 1b	4	0	0	7	0	1
Gardner, p	0	0	0	0	5	0
Jamross, p	2	2	1	0	1	0
Hiedel, cf	3	0	1	1	0	0
Pusky, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Giardina, 2b,3b	3	0	2	0	2	1
Messana, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lester, 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tetlow, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	27	2	5	21	10	2

x— Pinch hit for Peplowski (7th)

Itam 400 401 0—9
IUE 000 011 0—2

RBI — Giardina, Lester, M. Sheron-3, Mahoney-2, Flkynn, Hurley; 2b — Mahoney; hr — M. Sheran; SB — D. Sheran, Connor, Flynn

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Frank Peplowski (w)	6	5	2	2	4	5
John Robinson	1	0	0	0	0	2
Ralph Gardner (l)	3⅔	4	7	6	5	4
Paul Jamross	3⅓	5	2	1	0	2

HBP — Pusky, Caden
Time — 1 hour, 45 minutes
Umpires — Messer and Vinette

BRL players to practice tomorrow

The Babe Ruth all-league team that will play the coaches in the Ron Przedpelski benefit game will practice at Clapp Park tomorrow morning at 10.

The game will be played Monday night at 6:30 at Wahconah Park. Tickets are available from all players and coaches, and will be sold at the gate Monday.

The coaches have either been practicing in secret or saving their energy for the first pitch.

AUG 3 1974

Adams Super downed GE in Ruth loop

O'Connell's use big inning to down Irish

Adams Super Markets downed General Electric 7-2 and O'Connell Cadillac defeated Irish-Americans 11-9 in Babe Ruth baseball last night.

Adams picked up three runs in the opening inning when Bill Heaphy walked, Eddie Burt singled, John Barbarotta walked and Tim Snyder singled.

Snyder, who came on when Dave Hiser came up with a sore arm in the first inning, was the winning pitcher. Snyder allowed four hits and struck out seven. There were no extra base hits in the game. Bill Gregory had two hits for GE.

Big innings featured the other contest. O'Connell's had a six-run fifth, and the Irish had a five-run seventh.

Western Mass Supply meets VFW Post 448 this morning.

The scores:

ADAMS SUPER MARKETS

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Heaphy, cf	3	3	0	1	0	0
McKeever, 2b	4	2	1	1	1	0
Burt, ss	4	1	1	2	4	0
J. Barbarotta, c	3	1	0	7	2	0
Snyder, p, 1b	3	0	1	1	2	1
Hiser, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Harrington, rf	1	0	0	3	0	1
White, 1b, rf	2	0	0	3	0	1
Carr, lf	3	0	1	1	0	0
V. Barbarotta, 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Larkin, 3b	0	0	0	2	1	0
Totals	26	7	4	21	10	2

GENERAL ELECTRIC

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Wilson, 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Gross, ph, 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kendall, c	2	0	0	5	2	1
Daury, 3b	3	0	1	0	1	1
Gregory, 1b	3	0	2	6	1	1
Gagliardi, lf, p	3	0	1	1	0	1
Arella, lf p	2	0	0	0	2	2
Symanski, ss	2	0	0	4	0	1
Pomeroy, cf	2	1	0	1	0	0
Bence, cf	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tucker, rf	1	0	0	0	1	1
Trova, ri	1	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	22	1	4	18	8	8

z-pinch hit for Wilson in 6th

ADAMS SUPER MARKETS 300 022 x — 7
GENERAL ELECTRIC 000 001 0 — 1

DP — Adams 1; LOB — Adams 7, GE 2; RBI — Burt 1, Snyder 1, White 1; SB — Heaphy, J. Barbarotta 2, Burt, Snyder

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Hiser	⅔	0	0	0	0	0
Snyder (W)	6⅓	4	1	0	2	7
Anello (L)	5	3	5	1	4	7
Gagliardi	1	1	2	0	1	0

Suppliers put it to Post, 6-2

Steve Shea and Paul Stockley each knocked in a pair of runs in the fifth inning and Dave Quetti hurled a four-hitter as Western Mass. Supply defeated VFW Post 448 by a 6-2 margin Saturday in an American Division Babe Ruth game.

Post pitcher Mike Rocca held Supply to three hits in 4⅓ innings, but was chased in the fifth when Supply scored four runs.

WESTERN MASS. SUPPLY

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
B.Shea, lf	1	1	0	2	0	0
Vuillemot, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Messer, c	4	1	1	7	0	0
S.Shea, cf	2	2	1	1	0	0
Stockley, ss	3	0	1	2	1	0
Bell, 3b	2	0	0	0	2	1
Plankey, 3b	0	0	0	0	2	0
Anderson, 1b	3	0	0	8	0	0
Knight, 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0
Bertoldi, 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latini, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
C. Potter, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quetti, p	0	0	0	1	2	0
Totals	20	4	3	21	9	1

VFW POST 448

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Sanginetti, ss	2	0	0	1	2	0
D.Tagliente, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rooca, 3b, p	2	0	1	0	1	0
LaRochelle, ss, 3b	2	0	0	0	4	0
Graves, p	3	0	0	2	0	0
Gniadek, 1b	3	0	1	9	0	0
G. Tagliente, lf	3	1	1	2	0	0
O'Gara, c	2	1	0	3	0	0
Seluaggio, rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Crawford, 2b	1	0	0	1	1	0
zPero, rf, ph	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	2	4	18	8	0

z— Pinch hit for Crawford in 5th

Western Mass. Supply 000 141—6
VFW, Post 448 020 000—2

DP — Western Mass.; LOB — Western Mass. 5, VFW 5; RBI — Stockley 2, S.Shea 2, Anderson 1; 2B — Seluaggio, Stockley 1; SB — LaRochelle, S.Shea, Stockley 3, Bertoldi, Quetti;

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Quetti (W)	7	4	2	0	3	6
Rocca (L)	4⅓	3	5	5	5	1
Groves	1⅔	0	1	1	2	1

HBP — Quetti; Balk — Groves; PB — Messer; Time — 1 hour, 30 minutes; Umpires — Woitkowski, Ladley

AUG 5 1974

O'CONNELL'S

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Leach, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Liccardi, 2b	1	0	0	1	0	0
Shreenan, ss	3	1	1	3	1	2
Brindle, 1b	3	0	0	2	0	2
Fiero, p	4	1	1	2	2	0
Valle, 3b	3	2	1	1	0	1
Houle, cf	1	3	0	1	0	0
Connally, rf	0	1	0	0	0	0
Harrington, c	1	1	0	8	1	0
Lefkowitz, lf	1	1	0	0	0	0
Fergason, 2b	0	1	0	1	0	2
Durkee, p	1	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	19	11	3	21	4	7

IRISH

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Cyr, c	4	1	1	2	1	3
Filiault, cf	2	2	0	1	1	0
Turner, ss,p	4	0	0	2	0	2
Doucette, 1b	4	1	0	9	0	0
Lussier, lf,p,ss	4	2	1	2	2	1
Revord, lf	2	0	0	2	0	0
Trembly, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Morris, 3b	2	0	1	0	1	0
Hines, 2b	4	0	1	0	2	0
Perault, lf	1	1	0	0	0	0
Quadrozzi, p, rf	1	2	0	0	0	0
Fitzsimmons, 3b	2	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	31	9	4	18	8	7

O'CONNELL'S 020 261 0—11
IRISH 200 011 5 — 9

DP—Filiault, Cyr — Shreenan Durkee; RBI — Doucette, Lussier,2; Harrington, Lefkowitz, Fiero, Durkee; 3b — Fiero; SB — Houle-2, Connally, Cyr, Valle, Filiault, Shreenan; S—Doucette.

GEAA clinches title in Babe Ruth National

Sharp pitching performances and the clinching of a championship highlighted Babe Ruth League play last night.

Pete Gagne won his ninth straight decision as he led GEAA to a 12-1 victory over the Irish-Americans. The win clinched the National Division title for GEAA. Gagne allowed just three singles, walked two and struck out six.

Steve Shea struck out 16 General Electric batters and Paul Stockley gave him perfect relief as Western Mass. Supply scored a 3-2 victory in the American Division. Stockley, who also had a triple, double and single, fanned the last two batters to preserve Shea's triumph.

Comet Jewelers and Adams Super Markets are scheduled for a game tonight.

The scores:

GEAA

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Pelkey, ss	3	1	1	2	0	0
Stamer	1	0	0	0	0	0
Harrington, rf	1	1	1	1	0	0
Ryan, c	4	1	1	7	0	0
Pete Gagne, p	3	1	0	0	2	0
O'Leary, cf, 1b	4	2	2	3	0	0
Matteodo, lf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Messana, cf	2	2	2	1	1	0
Labarbera, 2b	1	1	1	0	0	0
Nash, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Crowley, 1b	1	0	0	4	0	0
Kelly, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Murphy, 3b	1	0	1	0	0	0
Pat Gagne, 2b	1	2	1	0	3	0
Totals	28	12	11	18	6	0

IRISH

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Cyr, c	2	1	1	5	0	1
Lussier, 3b	2	0	1	0	2	2
Turner, ss	2	0	1	0	1	0
Filiault, cf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Sokolowski, p	1	0	0	1	2	1
Revord, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hines, 1b	2	0	0	7	0	1
Fitzsimmons, 2b	1	0	0	1	0	0
Mancivilano, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Quadrozzi, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Morris, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Perralt, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	1	3	16	5	5

x— batted in first inning for Pelkey

GEAA 021 702 —12
Irish 000 001 —1

DP — Messana, O'Leary; RBI — Harrington, O'Leary, Matteodo, Labarbera, Murphy 2, Filiault; 2B — Ryan; SB — Pelkey 5, O'Leary, Matteodo, Pat Gagne; SF — Matteodo, Filiault

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Pete Gagne (w)	5	2	0	0	2	6
Sokolowski (l)	3⅓	8	10	6	6	2
Quadrozzi	2⅔	3	2	2	1	2
Ryan	1	1	1	1	2	0

HBP — Harrington
Time — 2 hours
Umpires — Messer, Cote

WESTERN MASS. SUPPLY

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
B.Shea, cf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Messer, 2b, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Vuillemot, cf, lf	4	0	1	0	0	0
S.Shea, cf, p	4	1	0	0	0	1
Stockley, p, ss	3	1	3	2	1	1
Miles, c	3	0	0	10	1	0
Anderson, c	1	0	0	8	0	0
Bertoldi, ss, 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0
D.Potter, 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Quetti, 1b	1	0	1	1	0	0
Knight, 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Bell, 3b, 2b	1	0	1	0	0	0
C. Potter, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Latini, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	3	6	21	2	2

GENERAL ELECTRIC

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Anello, lf	2	1	0	2	0	0
Bence, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Trova, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gagliardi, 1b	4	0	0	3	1	0
Gregory, 1b	4	1	2	8	1	0
Daury, 3b	2	0	1	1	2	1
Wilson, 2b, c	2	0	1	3	0	0
Pomeroy, cf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Kendall, c	1	0	0	3	1	0
Symanski, ss	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bartow, ss	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gross, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Tucker, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	2	4	21	6	2

Western Mass. 101 001 0—3
General Electric 100 001 0—2

LOB — Western Mass. 8, GE 8; RBI — Gregory, Wilson, Vuillemot, Stockley, Quetti; 2B — Vuillemot, Stockley, Daury; 3B — Gregory, Stockley; SB — S.Shea 2, Stockley 2, Anello 2, Trova, Gregory

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
S.Shea (w)	6⅓	4	2	1	6	16
Stockley	⅔	0	0	0	0	2
Gagliardi (L)	7	6	3	2	4	6

HBP — Daury; PB — Kendall; T — 1 hour, 40 minutes; Umpires — Kirby, Mancivalano

AUG 8 1974

DiNicola drives in winning run for B-C

AUG 7 1974

A clutch seventh inning single by Walt DiNicola drove in George Mickle with the winning run last night as Besse-Clarke nipped Comet Jewelers, 3-2, in the American Division of the Babe Ruth League.

Tim Carroll earned the pitching victory for Besse, scattering four hits, walking three and striking out eight. Bill Murphy took the loss, giving up eight hits and walking seven.

In the National Division, Itam Lodge erupted for five runs in the first inning and four in the third and then coasted to an 11-7 win over Union Federal.

A three-run homer by Mike Mahoney was the big blow of the game for the winners. Bill Hurley was the winning pitcher, Gary Maraglia the loser.

BESSE-CLARKE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Ciejka, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
C.Porter, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
W.DiNicola, lf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Mark Dunn, 1b	2	1	1	7	0	0
Carroll, p	2	1	0	1	3	1
M.Porter, 3b	2	0	0	1	0	0
Regan, c	2	0	1	8	0	0
T.DiNicola, ss	2	0	0	0	4	2
Mike Dunn, cf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Belass, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abair, 2b	2	0	0	1	0	0
Mickle, 2b	2	1	0	2	3	0
Totals	23	3	3	21	10	3

COMET JEWELERS

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Austin, 2b	4	0	0	1	2	0
Resnick, cf	3	0	2	0	0	0
W.Murphy, p	3	0	0	2	4	0
J.Murphy, c	2	0	1	7	0	0
Schnieder, 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Larkin, ss	3	0	1	3	2	0
Kennedy, 1b	2	1	0	5	1	1
Bishop, lf	2	1	0	1	0	0
Carpenter, rf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Battini, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	24	2	5	20	9	1

BESSE-CLARKE 200 000 1—3
COMET JEWELERS 020 000 0—2

DP—Besse Clarke 1; LOB—Besse Clarke 6, Comet Jewelers 5; RBI—Carpenter, W. DiNicola, Regan, T. DiNicola; 2B—Resnick

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Carroll (W)	7	4	2	1	3	8
W.Murphy (L)	6⅔	8	3	2	7	0

BALK—Carroll
Time: 1 hour, 47 minutes
Umpires: Ladley LeBlanc

PITTSFIELD

	AB	R	H	RBI
Pryor, 3b-ss	5	2	2	1
Smalley, ss	4	2	0	0
Doyle, 3b	1	0	0	0
Cruz, cf-rf	4	1	2	1
Pruitt, lf	3	0	1	2
Jaramillo, lf	0	0	0	0
Ault, 1b	5	1	1	1
Bordes, rf	3	0	0	0
Beasley, cf	1	0	0	0
Revta, c	4	1	2	0
Fulk, 2b	5	2	3	2
Kemp, p	5	0	0	0
Totals	40	9	11	7

WATERBURY

	AB	R	H	RBI
Simpson, cf	4	1	2	2
Cummings, 3b	4	0	0	1
Steele, lf	5	0	2	0
Smith, 1b	4	0	0	0
Patchin, c	4	1	1	0
Riggleman, 2b	4	0	0	0
Hale, rf	4	1	2	0
Ramirez, ss	4	1	1	0
Rautzhan, p	1	0	0	0
Cook, ph	1	0	1	1
Obrien, p	0	0	0	0
Philyaw, ph	1	0	0	0
Snider, p	0	0	0	0
Haren, ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	37	4	9	4

PITTSFIELD 600 101 100—9
WATERBURY 000 100 003—4

E — Pryor, Smalley 2, Cummings, Steele, Patchin, Ramirez; DP — Pittsfield 1; LOB — Pittsfield 11, Waterbury 9; 2B — Revta, Pryor; 3B — Simpson; HR — Fulk; SB — Ault, Revta; SF — Pruitt.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Kemp (W, 11-8)	9	9	4	4	3	4
Rautzhan (L, 7-7)	4	6	7	4	3	4
O'Brien	3	4	2	1	1	4
Snider	2	1	0	0	2	0

WP—Kemp 2, O'Brien; PB—Patchin.
T—2:56.
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	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Ditmar, 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2
Montesanti, 2b	4	0	2	1	1	0
Maloy, rf	2	1	1	0	0	1
Niarchos, c	3	1	1	3	0	0
Malec, ss,p	3	1	0	0	2	0
Tierney, 1b	4	1	0	7	0	0
Maraglia, p,ss	3	2	2	4	4	1
T.Arpante, lf	2	0	0	0	1	0
R.Arpante, cf	2	1	2	0	0	0
Totals	26	7	8	15	8	4

ITAM LODGE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
D.Sheran, ss	1	1	0	0	0	0
Gimlewitz, 2b	1	0	0	2	0	0
Martin, lf	2	2	1	0	0	0
Wood, c	3	2	2	3	2	0
M.Sheran, cf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Mahoney, 1b	2	1	1	5	0	0
DiMassimo, 3b,2b	2	0	0	2	2	0
Flynn, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
White, ss,3b	4	2	1	2	1	0
Hurley, p	2	1	1	0	0	1
Connor, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Peplowski, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Donovan	2	1	2	0	1	0
Totals	28	11	8	15	6	1

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ITAM 504 20—11

RBI—Martin, M. Sheran, Mahoney 3, Montesanti, Wood, DiMassimo, T. Arpante, R. Arpante; 2B—Montesanti, R. Arpante, Maraglia, Donovan, Wood; 3B—Martin; HR—Mahoney; SB—Wood, M. Sheran, DiMassimo, T. Arpante, R. Arpante, Hurley, Margalia, Maloy

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Hurley (W)	3⅔	4	5	2	5	3
Donovan	2⅓	4	3	3	0	2
Maraglia (L)	1⅓	4	5	5	4	1
Malec	3⅔	4	6	4	3	1

HBP—M. Sheran, Hurley
Time: 2 hours, 15 minutes
Umpires: Zito, Barbas

Gregory's slam gives GE win, Adams title

Bill Gregory of General Electric hammered a grand slam home run in the fourth inning last night to give his team a 6-5 win over Besse-Clarke in the Babe Ruth American League. The Besse-Clarke defeat gave Adams Super Markets the second-half title.

Tim Carroll of Besse-Clarke had three hits including a double and triple. Glen Pomeroy who relieved Gregory in the third inning was winning pitcher. IUE Local 254 plays VFW Post today.

The score:

GENERAL ELECTRIC

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Pomeroy, lf, p	3	1	1	0	1	0
Bartow, ss	4	1	1	1	3	0
Kendall, c	1	1	0	6	0	0
Gregory, p, 1b	3	1	1	8	1	1
Anello, lf, p, 1b	3	1	1	3	2	1
Gagliardi, 3b	3	0	1	1	2	1
Symanski, cf	2	0	0	0	0	1
Breault, cf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Bence, rf	2	0	0	0	1	0
Trova, rf	1	0	0	0	1	0
Wilson, 2b	1	1	0	0	2	0
Tucker, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	28	6	5	21	14	4

BESSE-CLARKE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Ely, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
C.Porter, ph z	1	0	0	0	0	0
W.DiNicola, lf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Mark Dunn, p	4	1	2	0	1	1
Carroll, 1b	3	2	3	5	0	1
Regan, c	4	0	0	9	1	0
Belair, cf	4	0	1	1	0	0
M.Porter, 3b	2	0	1	0	0	0
T.DiNicola, ss	3	0	0	3	2	1
Mickle, 2b	2	1	2	1	2	0
Mike Dunn, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	5	10	21	6	3

z— Pinch hit for Ely in 5th

GE 001 140 0—6
Besse-Clarke 101 120 0—5

DP — Besse-Clarke, GE; LOB — Besse-Clarke 9, GE 7; RBI — Kendall, Gregory 4, Mark Dunn, Regan; 2B — Carroll, Mickle; 3B — Carroll; HR — Gregory; SB—Regan, Gregory, Anello

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Snyder bests Murphy as Adams edges Comet

Comet Jewelers pitcher Joe Murphy hurled a two-hitter last night in the American Division of the Babe Ruth League, but Tim Snyder of Adams Super Markets picked the same game to twirl a one-hitter and emerged as the winning pitcher in a 5-2 contest.

Dave Hiser got both Adams hits off Murphy and knocked in three runs in the process as the Markets overcame a 2-0 Comet lead with two runs in the fourth, one in the fifth and two in the sixth.

Wayne Murphy salvaged the lone Jewelers' safety — a double — off Snyder in the third inning.

In the National Division, Itam and O'Connell Cadillac battled to a 10-10 tie before darkness fell.

Itam, led by Mike Sheran who had four hits, outhit O'Connell 13-8. Jack Fiero knocked in three runs to pace the Cadillac attack.

ADAMS SUPER MARKETS

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Heaphy, cf	2	0	0	0	1	0
McKeever, ss	1	0	0	1	1	0
J.Barborotta, c	2	2	0	8	1	0
Snyder, p	1	2	0	1	2	1
Hiser, 1b	3	0	2	4	0	0
White, rf	2	0	0	2	0	0
Carr, lf	2	1	0	0	0	0
V.Barborotta, 3b	1	0	0	1	0	0
J.Larkin, 2b	2	0	0	4	1	1
Totals	16	5	2	21	6	2

COMET JEWELERS

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Austin, 2b	3	0	0	1	0	0
Resnick, cf	3	0	0	0	1	0
W.Murphy, ss	3	0	1	2	0	0
J.Murphy, p	2	1	0	1	2	0
Bishop, lf	1	0	0	1	0	0
M.Larkin, 3b	3	1	0	2	4	1
Phillips, 1b	2	0	0	3	0	2
Carpenter, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Schneider, c	2	0	0	8	2	0
Totals	22	2	1	18	9	3

Adams Super Markets 000 212 x—5
Comet Jewelers 020 000 0—2

LOB — Adams 4, Comets 4; RBI — Hiser 3, V.Barbarotta 1; 2B — W.Murphy; SB — Phillips, J.Barbarotta 2, Snyder, Carr; SF — V. Barbarotta

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Snyder (W)	7	1	2	0	5	6
J. Murphy (L)	6	2	5	2	7	8

HBP — V.Barbarotta; WP — Snyder, J.Murphy; PB — Schneider 2; Time — 1 hour, 39 minutes; Umpires — LeBlanc, Ladley

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ITAM

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Dimassimo, 2b	5	0	1	3	1	0
Flynn, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Wood, c	3	4	2	8	3	1
M.Sheran, cf	4	2	4	0	0	0
Mahoney, 1b	2	2	1	7	0	0
Martin, rf	4	1	2	2	0	0
Hurley, 3b	4	1	2	0	1	0
White, ss	4	0	1	0	1	0
Taikowski, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
Robinson, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
Peplowski, p	1	0	0	0	2	0
Connor, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	10	13	20	10	1

O'CONNELL

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Valle, 3b	3	2	2	0	1	0
Durkee, 1b	1	2	0	7	0	0
Fiero, p	4	1	2	1	2	0
Brindle, 2b, ss	3	2	1	3	1	2
Houle, cf	2	1	1	1	1	0
Funk, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Connally, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Liccardi, 2b	0	1	0	2	1	1
Lefkowitz, c	2	0	0	6	0	0
Shreenan, ss	2	0	1	1	3	0
Fergason, lf	2	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	25	10	8	21	9	3

DP — Liccardi-Durkee; Houle-Fiero; RBI — Houle 2, Fiero 3, M.Sheran 4, White, Mahoney, Hurley 2, Dimassimo, Brindle, Shreenan; 2B — Hurley, Ferguson; 3B — Fiero, Wood, Shreenan; SB — Wood 4, Durkee 2, Brindle, M.Sheran, House; S — Durkee

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Taikowski	2	4	6	5	4	3
Fiero (W)	5⅓	12	9	8	5	4
Robinson	1⅔	1	3	1	3	2
Peplowski	3⅓	3	1	1	0	5
Durkee	2⅔	1	1	1	2	1

HBP — Brindle; Balk — Robinson, Durkee; Time — 2 hours, 15 minutes; Umpires — Kearns, Barbas

AUG 13 1974

GEAA, VFW BRL victors

GEAA scored its 13th straight win this season and its 24th in a row over two years, and VFW Post 448 edged Western Mass. Supply in Babe Ruth League games last night.

GEAA used a 12-hit attack to down IUE 255, 11-4. Dennis Messana hit a home run, Kevin O'Learn had two singles, three stolen bases, and scored three runs, and Steve Murphy and Pete Gagne had two hits each in victory. Pat and Pete Gagne and Murphy shared the pitching role, with the former getting the win. Paul Jamross had two hits for IUE and made the game's top fielding play at first base.

Scott Groves pitched up the win in relief as VFW won 5-4. Ed Bertoldi of Western Mass. Supply had the game's only extra base hit, a double.

Tonight, IUE Local 254 will meet Adams Super Markets.

The scores:

GEAA

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Pelkey, ss	5	1	1	1	3	0
Kelly, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Matteodo, lf	2	1	1	1	0	0
LaBarbera, 2b	4	2	1	3	2	0
O'Leary, 1b	4	3	2	7	1	0
Den Messana, cf	3	2	1	2	0	0
Pat Gagne, p	2	0	0	1	0	0
Pete Gagne, p, 3b	2	1	2	0	1	0
Murphy, 3b	3	0	2	0	1	1
Nash, lf	2	0	1	1	0	0
Stamer, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Harrington, c	4	1	1	5	2	0
Totals	34	11	12	21	10	1

IUE 255

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Bowler, c, cf	3	0	1	0	0	1
Linker, lf, 3b	3	0	0	2	1	1
Caden, ss	3	0	0	2	4	1
Jamross, 1b	2	1	2	10	0	0
Viali, c	2	0	0	2	0	0
Dean Messana, 3b	1	1	1	1	0	0
Tetlow, lf	3	1	1	3	0	0
Yanonne, p	3	1	1	0	1	0
Giardina, 2B	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lester, 2b	1	0	1	1	1	1
Puskey, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fox, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	4	7	21	7	4

GEAA 000 245 0—11
IUE255 000 000 4—4

DP—Murphy, LaBarbera, O'Leary; RBI—Metteodo, LaBarbera, O'Leary, Den Messana 2, Pete Gagne, Murphy 2, Bowler, Yanone 2, Fox; 2B—Harrington, Murphy; HR—Den. Messana; SB—Pelkey, O'Leary 3, Den. Messana; SF—Matteodo

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Pat Gagne (w)	5	2	0	0	0	2
Pete Gagne	1	0	0	0	2	3
Murphy	1	4	4	4	1	0
Yannone (L)	7	11	11	8	1	2

WP—Pete Gagne
Time—1 hour, 45 minutes
Umpires—Mayhew and Ladley

VFW Post 448

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
O'Gara, c	3	0	0	7	0	0
Masteriz, ss	3	0	0	1	1	2
LaRochelle, p,3b	3	0	0	1	4	0
G.Tagliente, lf	2	2	1	0	0	0
Gniadek, 1b	2	1	1	7	0	0
Rocca, p,3b	2	1	1	2	1	0
Groves, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
Sanginetti, 2b	2	0	0	1	1	0
Crawford, 2b	1	0	0	1	1	0
Selvaggio, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Crocker, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pero, rf	1	1	1	0	0	0
D.Tagliente, pp,rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Miller, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	24	5	4	21	9	2

Western Mass Supply

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Bertoldi, lf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Milesi, lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vuillemot, 1b	4	1	1	3	0	0
DiPotter, 1b	0	0	0	1	0	0
S.Shea, cf	3	1	0	2	0	0
Stockley, p,ss	4	1	1	1	2	0
Bell, 2b	4	1	1	0	2	0
Knight, 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quetti, 3b	1	0	1	2	0	2
Latini, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Messer, c	1	0	1	2	0	0
C.Potter, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
B.Shea, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Plankey, ss,p	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	4	6	18	4	4

VFW 000 410 x—5
WESTERN MASS 100 030 0—3

LOB—VFW, 6, Western Mass 11; RBI—Rocca 1, Plankey, Messer, Stockley; 2B—Bertoldi; SB—S. Shea, Stockley 2, Rocca, Groves, Sanginetti S—Gniadek, Plankey

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
LaRochelle	2	3	1	1	2	1
Rocca	2	1	0	0	1	2
Groves (W)	3	2	3	1	3	3
Plankey (L)	5	4	5	2	2	5
Stockley	1	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—S. Shea, O'Gara
Time: 1 hour, 35 minutes
Umpires: LeBlanc and Vinette

ASM, Lipton's victors by identical BR scores

Adams Super Markets and Lipton Oil scored 5-4 victories in the Babe Ruth League last night.

Adams defeated IUE Local 254, with Chris Harrington getting the win and Vin Barbarotta driving in four runs. A run in the sixth inning proved to be the difference.

Lipton's downed O'Connell's as Will Altman and Mike Ryan got two hits apiece.

An American League game is scheduled for tonight with Comet Jewelers meeting Besse-Clarke.

The scores:

ADAMS SUPER MARKETS

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Carr, CF	4	1	2	3	0	1
McKeever, ss	1	1	0	1	0	1
x-J. Barbarotta, ph, ss	1	0	0	0	1	0
White, 1B	3	0	0	4	0	0
Snyder, 1B	1	1	1	1	0	0
V. Barbarotta, 3B	3	2	2	1	0	0
J. Larkon, LF	1	0	0	1	0	0
Parzick, C	1	0	0	8	1	0
Flynn, RF	3	0	0	1	0	0
Heaphy, P	0	0	0	0	0	0
King, 2B	0	0	0	0	3	0
Harrington, P	1	0	0	0	2	0
Hiser, 1B	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	19	5	5	21	7	2

IUE 254

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
J. Novaroski, 2B	1	0	0	2	4	0
z-Madden, 2B	1	1	0	0	0	0
Mazzer, RF	2	0	1	0	0	0
Sweener, RF	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ostrikosi, LF	3	1	0	0	0	0
Barker, P, ss	3	0	0	3	2	0
Phillips, C	4	1	3	7	1	0
Keegan, 3B	2	1	1	0	1	0
DeMarsico, CF	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cusson, ss, 3B	3	0	1	4	0	0
Jester, 3B, CF	2	0	0	1	1	0
P. Navaroski, 1B,P	2	0	1	4	1	0
Totals	26	4	7	21	10	0

x— pinch hit for McKeever in 6th
z— pinch hit for J. Novaroski in 4th

Adams Super Markets	200 201 0—5
IUE 254	020 200 0—4

DP — IUE 1; LOB — IUE 9, Adams 12; RBI — V. Barbarotta 4, Parzick, Phillips 2; 2B — Mazzer, Cusson; SB — Carr 2, Phillips, Keegan; S— Keegan

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Harrington (W)	6	7	4	3	5	5
Heaphy	1	0	0	0	0	2
P. Navaroski (L)	5⅔	5	4	5	10	6
Barcher	1⅓	0	1	0	1	0

HBP — McKeever, King, Ostrikosi
WP — Harrington
PB — Phillips, Parzick
Time — 2 hours, 10 minutes

O'CONNELL

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Valle, 3b	4	0	1	2	2	2
Durkee, ss, p	4	0	1	1	2	0
Fiero, p, ss	3	0	0	1	1	1
Brindle, 1b	3	1	0	6	0	0
Houle, cf	4	1	2	1	0	0
Lefkowitz, c	4	0	0	4	1	0
Connally, rf	1	1	0	0	0	0
Liccardi, 2b	1	0	0	1	0	0
Harrington, lf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Ferguson, 2b	1	1	1	2	0	0
Funk	1	0	1	0	0	1
Totals	27	4	7	18	6	4

LIPTON

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Altman, ss	3	0	2	0	1	0
DiOrio, 2b	2	0	0	1	0	0
Litano, c	3	1	1	8	1	0
Bushey, 1b	2	1	0	8	0	0
Magri, rf	2	1	1	0	0	0
Murphy, p, cf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Lussier, cf, lf	3	0	0	1	1	0
Latakas, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
Ryan, 3b	3	1	2	3	5	0
Gregory, rf	1	0	0	0	0	1
Chiaretta, 2b	2	0	1	0	0	1
LeClair, lf	1	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	26	5	9	21	9	2

RBI — Magri, Murphy, Harrington, Houle; 2B — Ferguson; SB—Altman 2, Harrington, Ryan, Litano, Bushey, Chiaretta, Houle; S— Murphy, Altman

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Latakas	5⅓	6	2	2	4	7
Durkee	3⅔	7	4	2	1	1
Murphy	1⅓	1	1	1	1	1
Fiero	2⅓	2	1	0	0	2

Time — 1 hour, 50 minutes; — Umpires — Kirby and Barbas

Besse, Itam winners of Babe Ruth games

Two Besse-Clarke pitchers limited Comet Jewelers to two hits and Mike Mahoney of Itam Lodge drove in six runs against Union Federal to highlight last night's Babe Ruth League games.

Besse's scored three times in the second and three more in the seventh to win 6-1. Mike Belair and reliever Mike Porter did not allow an earned run. Belair, the winner, and Mark Dunn each had a single and an RBI.

Mahoney's home run topped a 12-hit attack as Itam sank Union Federal 19-4. Dan Sheran, Jody DiMassimo, and Mark White had two hits each for the winners. Darkness and the 15-run rule shortened the game to five innings.

General Electric will play VFW 448 tonight.

The scores:

UNION FEDERAL

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Montesanti, 2b	2	1	1	1	0	0
T.Arpante, lf	2	0	0	2	0	0
Hayes, ss	1	0	0	0	1	0
Maloy, p, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
R.Arpante, cf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Ditmar, 3b	2	1	1	1	2	2
Nugai, c	2	1	1	3	0	0
Maraglia, 1b, p	2	1	0	2	0	1
Tierney, rf, p, 1b	2	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	18	4	3	12	3	3

ITAM LODGE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
D.Sheran, ss	2	2	2	0	1	0
Martin, lf	4	1	1	0	0	0
M.Sheran, cf	3	3	1	1	0	0
Mahoney, 1b	5	3	1	5	0	0
Di Massimo, c	4	2	2	5	1	0
Hurley, ss, 2b	1	1	0	2	0	1
White, 3b	4	1	2	2	1	0
Flynn, rf	2	3	1	0	0	0
Peplowski, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
Donovan, p	0	2	0	0	0	0
Gimlewitz, 2b	1	1	1	0	0	0
Taikowski, rf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Robinson, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	19	12	15	4	1

RBI — Hurley 2, Montesanti, T.Arpante, D.Sheran, Mahoney 6, M.Sheran, DiMassimo 2, White, Gimlewitz, Taikowski; 3B — DiMassimo; HR — Mahoney; SB — Donovan, Flynn, M.Sheran, Mahoney, Hurley, White; SF — Hurley

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Peplowski	1⅔	4	4	2	2	1
Maraglia (L)	3	7	12	8	8	2
Donovan (W)	3	2	3	0	1	3
Tierney	⅓	2	8	4	4	0
Maloy	1	3	1	1	2	1
Robinson	1	0	0	0	3	2

HBP — Flynn; Time — 2 hours, 10 minutes; Umpires — Al Bianchi Sr. and Al Bianchi Jr.

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BESSE-CLARKE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
C.Porter, rf, cf	3	0	1	1	0	1
MikeDunn, lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
M.Porter, p, 3b	2	1	0	0	2	0
Mickle, 3b, ss	3	0	0	1	1	0
Belair, cf, p	4	1	1	0	3	0
Regan, c	2	2	1	7	1	0
Ely, ss, rf	1	1	1	4	0	0
Abair, 2b	4	0	0	0	2	1
Mark Dunn, 1b	2	1	1	8	0	1
Totals	24	6	5	21	9	3

COMET JEWELERS

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Kelly, 2b	3	0	0	2	2	1
Austin, 3b	4	0	0	2	1	1
Schmidt, ss	3	0	0	3	2	0
Resnick, lf, p	3	1	0	0	2	0
Bishop, cf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Phillips, 1b	3	0	0	7	0	1
Aitkin, p, lf	2	0	1	0	2	0
Carpenter, c	3	0	0	4	2	1
Fitzpatrick, rf	1	0	1	2	0	0
Totals	23	1	2	21	11	4

Comet Jewelers	000 001 0—1
Besse-Clarke	030 000 3—6

LOB — Besse-Clarke 10, Comet Jewelers 8; RBI — Aitkin, Belair, Ely, Mark Dunn; SB — Regan 2

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Belair (W)	5	1	0	0	2	6
M.Porter	2	1	1	0	3	1
Resnick (L)	6	4	3	1	6	4
Aitkin	1	1	3	2	3	0

HBP — Mike Dunn; WP — M.Porter, Resnick; Time — 1 hour, 45 minutes.

VFW, Irish-Americans win in Ruth League

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The Irish-Americans overwhelmed IUE 16-1 and the VFW defeated General Electric 7-2 in Babe Ruth League game last night.

Don Pero allowed only three hits while pitching for VFW. Both of the runs off him were unearned. He struck out eight.

Mike LaRochelle had a double and two RBIs for VFW. Norm Breault had two hits for GE.

The scores:

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	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Mastodc, ss	1	1	0	0	0	0
Miller, ss	3	0	0	1	2	0
O'Gara, CF	1	1	0	0	0	0
Crocker, CF	4	0	1	0	0	1
Gniadek, 1B	0	0	0	0	0	0
Selvaggio, 1B	3	1	0	7	0	1
Crawford, RF	4	2	1	0	0	0
LaRochelle, LF	1	1	1	0	0	0
D. Tagliente, LF	3	0	1	2	0	0
Pocca, 3B	2	0	0	1	2	1
Sanginetti, 2B	2	0	0	2	2	0
G. Tagliente, C	1	0	1	0	0	0
Groves, C	2	1	1	8	0	0
Pero, P	1	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	28	7	6	21	7	3

General Electric

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Breault, 1B, LF	3	0	2	6	0	1
Wilson, 2B	1	0	0	0	3	0
z Kendall, PH, C,P	3	0	0	3	3	0
Anello, 1B	2	0	1	6	0	1
Symanski, LF	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gagliardi, P, C	3	0	0	2	3	0
Tucker, 2B, P	3	0	0	2	2	1
Pomeroy, 3B	2	1	0	1	1	2
Bence, CF	2	0	0	0	0	0
Trova, RF	3	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	2	3	21	13	6

z — pinch hit for Wilson in 3rd

VFW Post 448	400 210 0—7
General Electric	100 001 0—2

LOB — VFW 10, GE 5; RBI — Rocca 1, LaRochelle 2, Crawford 1, Crocker1; 2B — LaRochelle 1; SB — Breault 3, Anello 2, Gagliardi 2, Trova 1, Crocker 1, LaRochelle 1; S — Pero; SF — None

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Pero (W)	7	3	4	0	1	8
Tucker (L)	3	3	4	1	2	0
Kendall	2	3	2	0	1	3
Gagliardi	2	1	0	0	0	3

HBP — Breault 1, Gniadek 1, Groves 1, Rocca 1;
WP — Kendall 1, Pero 1
Time — 1 hour, 52 minutes
Umpires — Ladley and Kirby

IRISH AMERICANS

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Cyr, c	2	3	2	2	3	0
Sokolowski, p	2	2	0	1	1	0
Turner, 1b, ss	4	3	3	4	1	2
Filiault, cf	2	4	2	2	0	0
Lussier, ss, 2b	2	2	0	0	2	0
Benham, 3b	3	1	2	1	1	0
Revord, lf	2	1	0	1	0	0
Hines, 2b, 1b	2	0	1	4	0	0
Quadrozzi, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Trembly, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fitzsimmons, 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mancy, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	16	10	15	8	2

IUE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Linker, c	3	0	0	2	1	0
Jamross, cf	3	1	2	1	0	0
Caden, p	3	0	1	0	0	1
Yannone, ss	3	0	0	0	0	0
Mackey, 1b	1	0	1	5	0	0
Viale, rf	2	0	1	1	0	0
Fox, lf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Messana, 3b	1	0	0	1	0	2
Lester, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pusky, rf	0	0	0	0	0	1
Giardino, 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0
Bowler, c	1	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	22	1	5	12	2	4

RBI—Turner 3, Filiault, 2 Hanes, Lussier, Viale, Benham 2, Cyr, Hines; 2B— Caden, Turner, HR—Filiault; SB—Cyr 2, Sokolowski, Revord, Benham, Mackey, Viale, Filiault 2; S—Hines

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Sokolowski	5	5	1	1	1	2
Caden	2	5	13	7	9	0
Jamross	1⅔	4	3	2	4	2

Time 2 hours, 11 minutes, 30 sec.
Umpires: Kearns and Vinette

Ruth League prepares for playoffs

The Babe Ruth Baseball League finished its regular season last night with two games: GEAA completed an undefeated season with a 4-3 victory over Lipton's and Western Mass Supply downed IUE Local 255, 10-3. The playoffs will start Wednesday.

GEAA squeezed through to its 14th victory on Tom Nash's run-scoring single in the bottom of the seventh. Unbeaten Pete Gagne won his 11th straight scattering four hits and striking out nine batters. Steve Murphy of the winners and Jeff Altmann of Lipton each had two hits. One of Murphy's hits was a triple.

Dave Quetti went the distance in the Western Mass win. Quetti allowed eight hits and struck out seven. Paul Stockley led the winners at bat with three hits and five RBIs. Pete Bell and John Vuillemot of Western Mass each rapped out a pair of hits. Losing pitcher Gary Barcher and his teammate Brian Cusson also cracked two hits apiece.

The scores:

Western Mass. Supply

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Milesi RF	2	1	1	0	1	0
Bell 3B	4	3	2	2	0	0
S. Shea CF	3	1	1	3	0	0
Stockley C	4	1	3	9	1	0
Vuillemot LF	3	0	2	0	0	0
B. Shea LF	1	0	0	1	0	0
Quetti P	3	0	0	0	1	0
Knight 2B	2	1	1	1	2	0
Messer 1B	1	0	0	2	0	0
Plankey SS	2	1	0	1	0	1
Latini 2B	0	0	0	0	0	0
D. Potter 1B	1	1	1	1	0	0
Bertoldi 1B-SS	0	1	0	1	2	1
C. Potter RF	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	10	11	21	7	2

IUE Local 254

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Madden 3B	3	0	0	0	1	1
Brothers LF	4	1	1	0	0	0
Phillips C-P	2	0	0	3	0	0
Barcher P-C	3	1	2	4	2	0
Ostrikis CF	4	0	1	1	0	0
Cusson SS	4	0	2	3	3	0
Jester 1B	4	0	1	6	0	0
Sweener 2B	2	1	1	0	1	0
Demarsico RF	2	0	0	1	0	2
Totals	28	3	8	18	7	3

Lipton

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Altman P	3	0	2	1	0	0
DiOrio, 2B	4	0	0	0	0	1
Litano C	1	1	0	8	0	0
Bushey 1B	3	0	0	4	0	0
Magri LF	3	0	0	0	0	0
Murphy CF	3	0	1	3	0	0
Lussier SS	2	1	0	2	2	0
LeClair RF	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan 3B	3	0	1	1	1	0
Chiaretta X	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gregory RF	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	3	4	19	3	1

GEAA

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Messana CF	4	1	1	4	0	0
Harrington C	1	1	0	9	2	0
Matteodo LF	1	1	0	0	0	0
O'Leary 1B	3	1	1	4	0	0
Labarbera 2B	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pelkey Ss	2	0	1	2	1	0
Murphy 3b	3	0	2	1	1	0
Stamer RF	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pat Gagne P	3	0	0	1	0	2
Pete Gagne P	2	0	1	0	0	0
Kelly RF	2	0	0	0	0	0
Nash LF	2	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	24	4	7	21	5	2

x - pinch hit for LeClair in 7th

GEAA	2 0 0 1 0 0 1—4
Lipton Oil	0 0 1 1 0 0 1—3

DP-O'Leary (un.)
RBI-Pelkey 2, Murphy, altman
3B - Murphy
SB - Bushey, Harrington, Matteodo 2, Litano 2, Pete Gagne, Murphy, Lussier

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Pat Gagne	2	1	0	0	1	1
Altman (L)	7	7	4	4	5	8
Pete Gagne (W)	7	4	3	1	5	9

HBP - Labarbera
BALK - Pete Gagne
T - 2 hours
UMPIRES - Zito, Messana.

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GEAA is favored to win Ruth League title series

The GEAA National division Babe Ruth League champions, will put a 25-game winning streak on the line tomorrow evening, when they meet the American division-winning Adams Super Market in the opening game of the best-of-three city championship series. The showdown battle is scheduled for Clapp Park at 5:30.

The GEAA hasn't lost a game since June 1973. It won its final 11 games last season, including a two-game sweep of the championship series, then compiled a 14-0 record this summer

Adams Super Market has won 11 of 14. While it can't match the GEAA statistically, it has parlayed fine defense and timely hitting with some effective pitching into a pennant-winning season

Pride of the GEAA is pitcher Pete Gagne, who will start in tomorrow's opener He has a lifetime record of 15-1 in Babe Ruth League competition, including a 10-0 record this summer He has permitted just one earned run in his last three starts, striking out 26 in his last 19 innings. Pete is also his team's leading hitter, pacing a power-packed lineup with a .452 batting average.

Close behind are Steve Murphy, (.444), a starter at third base the last half of the season and cleanup hitter Kevin O'Leary, the first baseman. Other leading hitters are catcher Jim Matteodo (.368), and center fielder Dennis Messana (.310).

Opposing Gagne on the mound will be Tim Snyder, who won 9 of 10 decisions for Adams Super Market.

Pacing the American Division team offensively will be catcher John Barbarotta, who is batting more than .500. Snyder is second with an average of close to .400. Adams coach Bill Larkin is also high on Bill Heaphy, a fine defensive outfielder and Chris Harrington, a 13-year-old pitcher who has looked impressive recently.

Injuries could play a decisive role. The GEAA lost starting third baseman Jim Colbert at midseason because of a chronic knee problem and catcher Mike Ryan was sidelined with a leg injury earlier this month, when he stepped in a hole going after a pop-up The American division team could lose reserve pitcher Dave Hiser, who has been slowed by an arm injury, and second baseman Ed Burt is a doubtful starter because of an injured knee.

Adams Super Market clinched the American division some 10 days back, finishing two games ahead of Besse-Clarke. GEAA clinched the National division title earlier in the month.

GEAA enters the series as a favorite, and head coach Lou Orzio Jr. is confident that his team will not let its followers down.

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Adams upsets GEAA 3-1 in opening game

By Jan Tavalin

The Adams Super Market Babe Ruth League team got down to basics last night. Playing good, solid, fundamental baseball, the American Division champions broke the GEAA's 25-game winning streak by defeating the National Division pacesetters 3-1 in the opening game of the best-of-three city championship series.

Staked to an early 1-0 lead, Tim Snyder, backed by a dependable defense, held the GEAA at bay for six innings. Then, with one run across and the bases loaded in the seventh, he retired the dangerous Kevin O'Leary on a fly ball to hand the National Division team their first loss since June 1973.

Snyder was not overpowering. He struck out only two batters. But he kept the ball moving and, for the most part, over the plate. More important, he managed to stay out of trouble.

Snyder allowed the GEAA only one base runner in each of the first six innings. None got farther than second base.

Only in the final inning, after the Adams team had taken a 3-0 lead, did the GEAA muster a threat.

Doug Messana reached on an error to open the inning. The miscue was the first for the Adams team, which had performed peerlessly in the field during the first six innings. Doug LaBarbara then bounced into an unorthodox double play, with LaBarbara being retired first then Messana being caught off second. Steve Murphy then stroked a double, his second hit of the evening. He held second as pinch-hitter Pat Gagne reached on an error, then scored on Frank Pelkey's single. A walk to Darrell Harrington loaded the bases.

Adams Super Market picked up an unearned run off Pete Gagne in the first. Tom Carr led off with a double over the head of left-fielder Tom Nash and, after two were out, scored as John Barbarotta reached ona throwing error by Pelkey.

They added two runs in the top of the fifth, as Joe Larkin walked, stole second and scored on Carr's second double of the game. Carr was cut down at third as Bill Heaphy grounded into a fielder's choice, but Heaphy pilfered second and, after two were out, scored on Barbarotta's single to left.

Gagne, who had 10 of the GEAA's 14 regular-season victories, appeared to experience control problems throughout much of the game. Although he walked only three, his fast ball frequently sailed up and in on the right-hand batter. In taking only the second loss of his Babe Ruth League career, he allowed but five hits and struck out six.

Snyder gave up six hits and walked three in extending his record to 10-1.

LaBarbara and Pelkey combined for a circus play on Vin Barbarotta's grounder in the sixth. LaBarbara made a diving stop of the ball and flipped it to Pelkey from a prone position. Pelkey threw to first to retire Barbarotta.

Carr of the Adams Super Market and Murphy of the GEAA led all hitters with two safeties apiece. The 13-year-old Murphy has been hitting almost .700 in his last five games.

The series will resume Saturday at Clapp Park, beginning at 1. Pat Gagne is scheduled to start for the GEAA. The starting pitcher for the Adams team has not been announced.

ADAMS SUPER MARKET

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Carr, lf	2	1	2	4	0	0
Heaphy, cf	3	1	0	0	0	0
Snyder, p	2	0	0	2	0	0
J.Barbarotta, c	3	0	1	2	2	0
Hiser, 1b	3	0	0	7	2	0
McKeever, ss	3	0	0	3	3	1
V.Barbarotta, 3b	3	0	1	0	4	1
White, rf	3	0	1	2	0	0
Larkin, 2b	1	1	0	1	2	0
Totals	23	2	5	21	13	2

GEAA

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Pelkey, ss	4	0	1	2	2	1
Harrington, rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
O'Leary, 1b	4	0	1	6	0	0
PeteGagne, p	2	0	1	0	2	0
Matteodo, c	3	0	0	5	0	0
Messano, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
LaBarbara, 2b	2	0	0	4	3	0
Murphy, 3b	3	1	2	1	0	0
Nash, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
zPatGagne	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	1	6	18	7	1

z— Safe on error for Nash in 7th

Adams Super Mkt (A)	100 020—3
GEAA (N)	000 001—1

DP — Adams Super Mkt; LOB — GEAA 8, Adams 5; RBI — Carr, J.Barbarotta; 2B — Carr 2, Murphy, Pelkey; SB — LaBarbara, Carr, Heaphy, Larkin

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Snyder (W)	7	6	1	1	3	2
PeteGagne (L)	6	5	3	2	3	6

Balk — Snyder; Time — 1 hour, 37 minutes; A — 168; Umpires — Vince Zito, Joe Woitkoski, Dave Messer

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GEAA rallies to win twice to take city Babe Ruth title

By Jan Tavalin

SPORTS

Stung by a 3-1 defeat in Wednesday's series opener that snapped their 25-game winning streak, the GEAA National Division Babe Ruth League pennant winners rebounded with back-to-back victories over the weekend to take the best-of-three series from the Adams Super Market, two games to one and win their second consecutive city championship.

In defeating their American Division rivals 4-1 Saturday afternoon and 6-4 Sunday at Clapp Park, the GEAA showed a talent that exists in most successful teams, amateur and pro. They managed to come up with the big play when they needed it. This was most apparent in yesterday's game.

After a four-run third inning by the Adams team had put them behind 4-2, a two-run pinch-hit triple by Pat Gagne tied the score in the bottom of the fourth. Another two-run triple, this one by Frank Pelkey, provided the winning margin two innings later. But the GEAA's biggest play came in the field.

It was the top of the fifth and the score was tied at 4-up. An error and two walks had loaded the bases with just one out. John Barbarotta caught one of Pete Gagne's deliveries and lined it over second base, a sure base hit. Second-baseman Doug LaBarbara, running at full speed to his right, leaped and, reaching back towards center field, snared the ball in the webbing of his glove. He then threw to Pelkey to double Bill Heaphy off second and end the inning. It was the turning point of the game. Gagne settled down to retire the side in the sixth and the seventh while his team rallied for the winning runs.

LaBarbara had an outstanding day. Entering the game with an .086 (3 for 35) batting average, he had a perfect day at the plate with two singles and a double, scoring two runs and driving in a third. He was also the pivot man on the GEAA's other twin killing.

The defending champions wasted little time getting to Tim Snyder, who had beaten them on Wednesday. In the first, Dennis Messana walked, stole second and scored on Pete Gagne's single. They added another in the second on a walk and LaBarbara's double, that skipped off the curbing of the cinder track in left.

Adams used all three of their hits and a pair of walks for four runs in the third. Two walks and a single loaded the bases. Ed Burt brought one run home with a sacrifice fly. Two others tallied on Barbarotta's double, while Barbarotta came home on Snyder's hit off the same left-field curbing.

In winning his 11th game in 12 decisions, Gagne had only two bad innings. He allowed only two other base runners, both in the first.

Snyder, whose record is now 10-2, was lifted after Pelkey's sixth inning triple. Burt, who relieved him, saw his first mound action of the year.

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In Saturday's contest, 13-year-old Pat Gagne came through most effectively as the GEAA defeated Adams Super Market 4-1 to even the series at one game apiece. Gagne set down the American team on four hits and had a one-hit shutout going into the sixth.

GEAA took the lead with an unearned run in the third, scoring on two walks, a passed ball and Pelkey's Texas League single. They added three the following inning. Two singles and a walk loaded the bases. A wild pitch brought in one run; Dale Harrington's single, a second. Then, after Heaphy had replaced starter Chris Harrington on the mound, Pat Gagne knocked in the final run with a single to right.

These were the only threats the victors could muster. They had only two other baserunners during the game.

Adams finally got to Gagne in the sixth. After Tom Carr's single and a walk to Heaphy, Barbarotta singled home Carr and Dave Hiser singled to load the bases with one out. But Burt lined to Steve Murphy at third, and Gagne fanned Paul McKeever to retire the side. Pat then put down the side in order in the seventh.

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DUGOUT NOTES: Plate umpire Vin Zito was forced to leave the game in the second inning yesterday when he was struck on the head by a foul tip, just above the mask. Zito was knocked cold, but revived within a few minutes. He was taken to Pittsfield General Hospital, BMC, for X-rays, was given a clean bill of health and returned to watch the last few innings. Ed Ladley replaced Zito behind the plate, while Joe Harrison, who was on standby, took Ladley's place in the field . . . . GEAA's Jim Matteodo made a beautiful one-hand catch of Joe Larkin's liner to left center in the second inning Saturday. There were two on and two out at the time . . . . Murphy led all hitters with three hits in seven trips . . . . He finished the season with nine hits in his last 15 at-bats, covering six games . . . . Carr led Adams in the series with four hits in 10 trips . . . . The controversal cinder track altered the course of three hits and spilled one player over the weekend . . . . A most colorful sideshow was presented by Tony Mercaldo, who took the daily collections while crying out "Help the major leaguers of tomorrow" . . . . One GEAA fan brought cowbells to the game Sunday.

GEAA (Nat.)

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Pekley, ss	3	0	1	3	2	0
LaBarbara, 2b	3	0	0	1	2	0
O'Leary, 1b	3	0	1	8	1	0
Pete Gagne, c	3	1	1	2	1	0
Matteodo, lf	2	1	0	2	0	0
Messana, cf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Murphy, 3b	2	1	0	2	2	0
D. Harrington, rf	1	0	1	2	0	0
x—Nash, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pat Gagne, p	2	0	1	0	2	0
Totals	22	4	6	21	10	0

ADAMS SUPER MKT. (Amer.)

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Carr, lf,c	4	1	1	1	0	0
Heaphy, cf,p	2	0	0	0	2	0
Snyder, rf,lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
J. Barbarotta, c	3	0	1	4	0	0
Hiser, 1b	3	0	2	7	0	0
Burt, 3b,2b	2	0	0	3	2	1
McKeever, ss	3	0	0	0	1	0
Larkin, 2b,3b	2	0	0	2	1	0
C. Harrington, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
White, rf	0	0	0	0	1	0
z—V. Barbarotta, ph	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	1	4	18	8	1

x—Ran for Harrington in the 6th.
z—Popped out for White in the 7th.

GEAA	001 300 x—4
Adams Super Mkt	000 001 0—1

LOB — Adams Super Mkt. 6, GEAA 5; RBI — Pelkey, D. Harrington, Pat Gagne, J. Barbarotta; SB — O'Leary; S — D. Harrington.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Pat Gagne (W)	7	4	1	1	3	3
C. Harrington (L)	3⅓	4	4	3	3	1
Heaphy	2⅔	2	0	0	0	1

HBP — Burt (By Gagne) D. Harrington (By Heaphy)
WP — C. Harrington
PB — Barbarotta
T — 1 hour, 39 minutes.
A — 228
Umpires: Ed Ladley (Pl), Dave Kearns, Shaun Kirby.

GEAA

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Pelkey, ss	4	0	1	1	3	0
Messana, cf	2	1	1	1	1	0
O'Leary, 1b	3	0	0	5	0	0
Pete Gagne, p	3	0	1	0	2	0
Matteodo, c	3	0	0	9	0	0
D. Harrington, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Murphy, 3b	2	2	1	1	1	2
LaBarbara, 2b	3	2	3	3	2	0
Nash, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
x—Pat Gagne, lf	2	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	25	6	8	21	9	2

ADAMS SUPER MKT.

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Carr, lf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Heaphy, cf	2	1	0	1	0	0
Burt, 3b,2b,p	0	0	0	2	1	0
J. Barbarotta, c	3	1	1	4	1	0
Snyder, p,2b	3	0	1	1	2	0
Hiser, 1b	3	0	0	6	0	0
McKeever, ss	3	0	0	0	4	0
White, rf	3	0	0	1	1	0
Larkin, 2b,3b	1	1	0	2	1	0
Totals	22	4	3	18	10	0

x—Tripled for Nash in the 4th

GEAA	110 202 x—6
ADAMS SUPER MKT	004 000 0—4

DP — GEAA, 2; LOB — GEAA 5; ADAMS SUPER MKT. 3; RBI — Pat Gagne 2, Pelkey 2, Pete Gagne, LaBarbara, J. Barbarotta 2, But, Synder; 2B — LaBarbara, J. Barbarotta; 3B — Pat Gagne, Pelkey; SB — Messana; SF — Burt

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Pete Gagne (W, 11-1)	7	3	4	4	5	9
Snyder (L, 10-2)	5⅓	8	6	6	4	3
Burt	⅔	0	0	0	0	0

WP — Pete Gagne, Snyder
T — 1 hour, 57 minutes
A — 204
Umpires: Vin Zito, Ed Ladley, Dave Messer, Joe Harrison (For Zito in the 2nd.)



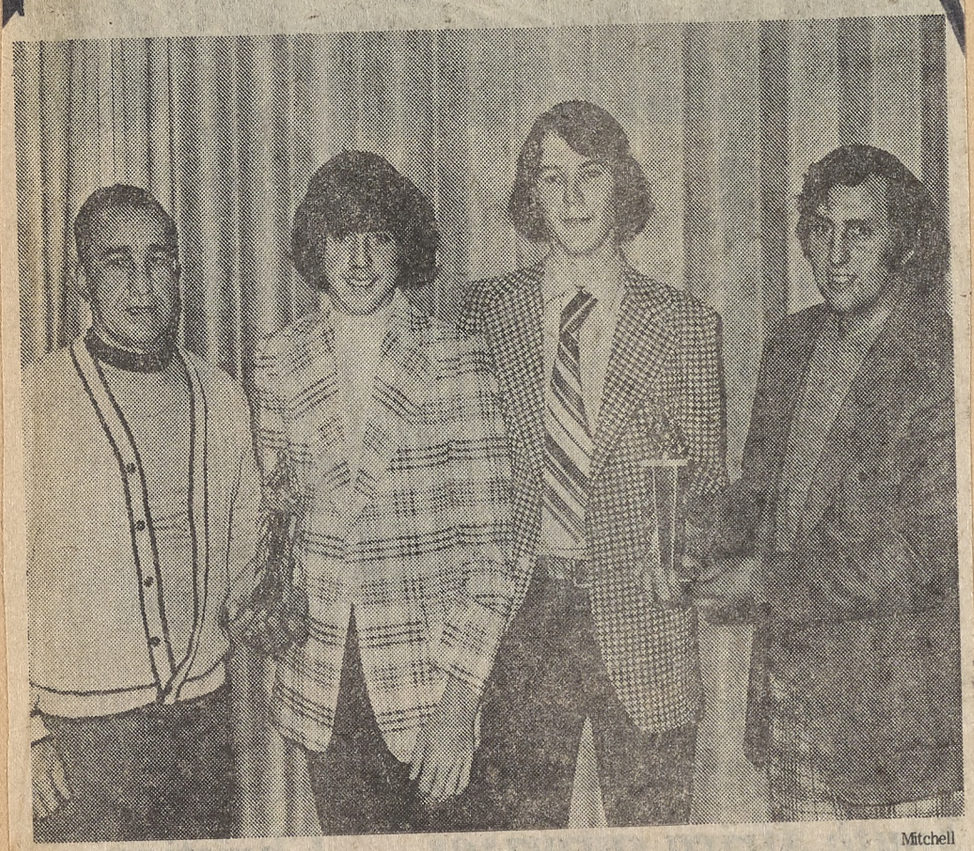
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CITY BABE RUTH CHAMPION GEAA claimed its 1974 crown yesterday by sweeping its weekend series with Adams Super Market. The team, from left to right: first row — Eric Stamer, Pat Gagne, Joe Kelly, Frank Pelkey, Steve Murphy, Tim Colbert; second row — Kevin O'Leary, Pete Gagne, Doug LaBarbera, Dennis Messana, Dale Harrington; third row — coach Lou Orazio Sr., Jim Matteodo, Tom Nash, and coach Lou Orazio Jr.



Mark Mitchell

A CHECK FOR $1,525 is turned over to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Przedpilski, parents of 15-year-old Ronald Przedpilski, who was seriously burned early in the summer, by Babe Ruth League officials Saturday. Officials are Dick Grady, extreme left, and Art Gwinnell, extreme right. Ronald was a Babe Ruth League player. Presentation was before start of playoff game at Clapp Park.



Mitchell

TROPHY WINNERS on city championship General Electric Athletic Association Babe Ruth League team pose with their awards following dinner last night at GEAA. They are Dennis Messana, second from left, and Pete Gagne, most valuable, second from right. Coaches Lou Orazio Sr. and Lou Orazio Jr. are at either end.

Dobelle asks study of lake weeds

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle is asking the state Public Health Department to seek causes of weed problems in Pontoosuc and Onota lakes and Richmond Pond.

Dobelle said the state undertakes research into weed problems and seeks solutions. He has asked that these bodies of water be given a high priority in the department's research program.

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Swimming show set for May 17

The annual Synchronized Swimming Show will be held at the Girls Club pool May 17 at 7 p.m. and at 8:15 p.m., Mrs. June E. Rubin, executive director announced.

The program is co-sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and is directed by Andrea G. Snell, department recreation supervisor.

The show will consist of 13 different swimming events to background music.

Five songs are by Scott Joplin and are from the movie, "The Sting."

Forty-eight girls and one boy will participate.

Tickets are available at the Girls Club, 165 East St., and are limited in number because of seating capacity, Mrs. Rubin said.

JUN 3 1974



Joel Librizzi

UNDERWATER CLEANUP of debris like this one from the bathing area of Onota Lake yesterday. Among members of the Berkshire Skin Divers who dove for the submerged garbage shown here produced several piles are, left to right, William Rodriguez, James Avalle, Kim Philips, Santo Ranti and John Miclette. The cleanup was the first of two being staged by the diver on successive Sundays; Pontoosuc Lake's beach comes next.

Weed-control treatment set for three lakes

Three Berkshire County lakes are among 19 in the commonwealth designated by the state Department of Public Health for aquatic weed control this summer

Selected by the department to do the work is Allied Biological Control Corp. of Wellesley, which has treated Berkshire lakes for the past decade

Hoosac Lake in Cheshire, Pontoosuc Lake in Pittsfield and Lanesboro, and Stockbridge Bowl in Stockbridge and Lenox are the county lakes included in the program

Albert J Trusas, operations manager for Allied, said field surveys to determine the type of treatment at each lake will be conducted in May and treatment will begin about June 1 He said treatment should be finished before the lakes are opened for swimming or other recreation.

MAY 15 1974

Gail O'Neal is returning to head swim program

JUN 13 1974

The Department of Parks and Recreation has announced today that Gail O'Neal will return as chief swimming instructor for the swimming program which is conducted by the department.

Miss O'Neal, a 1971 graduate of St. Joseph's High School, is a senior at Salem State College. She has worked for the Parks Department for 5 years, and this will be her 4th year as head of the swimming instruction program. She received her water safety instructor certificate under the direction of Leo Fiorini, chairman of the Berkshire County aquatics program for the American Red Cross.

Registration for the first series of lessons will be taken tomorrow from 10 a.m. to noon and from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pontoosuc Lake Bathhouse. Registrations may be made in person or by calling the Pontoosuc Bathhouse at 443-9794.

Children must be at least 6 years of age and residents of Pittsfield in order to be eligible for this program.

Classes will begin Monday and will run for three consecutive weeks Monday through Friday. Each youngster must bring a signed permission blank, as given below.

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Sailing Along

JUN 15 1974

Small sailboats like this Sunfish, easy to move from one place to another and relatively inexpensive, have become popular on local lakes such as Pontoosuc. And like all sailboats, they aren't aggressive, noisy or gassy.

Skin-diver group to clean beaches

The Berkshire Skin Divers will hold their annual cleanup dives at two public beaches this and next weekend. The Pittsfield club, numbering about 60, will dive off the beach at Onota Lake Sunday morning at 10:30. Next Sunday, they will dive off the public beach on Pontoosuc Lake.

The club will sweep both the beaches and the surrounding bathing areas to collect debris, bottles and any other objects that would make swimming unsafe.

JUN 1 1974

Pontoosuc, Onota beaches open Friday

The Department of Parks and Recreation announced today that the official opening of the public beaches at Onota and Pontoosuc lakes will be Friday. The supervised swimming areas will be open daily from noon to 8 p.m.

JUN 12 1974

JUN 27 1974

Weed-killing will curb lake activities

Boating and fishing and quite possibly swimming will be prohibited on Pontoosuc Lake on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Allied Biological Control Corp. of Wellesley announced today.

Swimming will be banned during the same three days unless Allied crews have time this afternoon to treat the Pontoosuc public beach area with their weed-killing herbicides. If that area is treated today, swimming will be permitted there only on Saturday and Sunday. No matter what happens, swimming, boating and fishing will be prohibited elsewhere on the lake through Sunday night, according to Allied.

Pontoosuc will be treated with Aquathol K, Kuron and Diquat, which are biodegradable herbicides designed to kill curly-leaf pond weed, yellow water lilies, milfoil and floating leaf pond weed, according to Allied, which has a contract with the state and Berkshire County to rid the lake of weeds.

All the chemicals being used are biodegradable, meaning they will break down naturally and leave no trace, Frederick M. Burke, administrative assistant to the president of Allied, said. Fish and wildlife will not be harmed by the treatments, he added.

However, water from wells located within 50 feet of the shore may not be used for either drinking or cooking for a week. Lake water may not be used for irrigation or for watering cattle for 10 days after Friday's treatment, said Burke.

JUN 28 1974

Vincent calls for study of Pontoosuc's problems

County Commissioner Harry W. Vincent Jr. is pressing for formation of a four-member committee to solve environmental problems at Pontoosuc Lake.

In letters mailed yesterday, Vincent is inviting Mayor Dobelle, a member of the Lanesboro Selectmen and a resident from among Pontoosuc house owners to be members. The fourth person would be Vincent or another county commissioner.

The proposal is based on a vote of the three-member commission May 28 in support of Vincent's motion for a panel "to study the necessary safety and environmental regulations for the good of the people using and living on the lake."

No association

There is no formal homeowners' association at Pontoosuc, a 505-acre lake half in Pittsfield and half in Lanesboro, but Vincent and R. James Bridges of 17 Paula Ave., who owns two summer cottages and a house on the lake, are ready to promote formation of one.

Bridges said weeds in Pontoosuc this year have been "the worst I've ever seen." He and Vincent said they believe a homeowners' group would serve as a lobbying force in support of measures to improve environmental conditions and achieve possible safety measures for boaters.

Vincent said he also wants to put some of the county's federal revenue-sharing money into the study of the lake. The county government owns the dam and water rights at Pontoosuc.

A project to better the conditions at the lake would serve as a model for similar cooperative programs at other resort lakes and ponds, Vincent suggested.

He proposed use of revenue-sharing money for Pontoosuc Lake last year, but the legislature's Committee on Counties has ruled that county revenue-sharing funds be used for regular county expenditures, like supporting the county jail, to reduce the county tax.

"No one," asserted Vincent bitterly, "has ever stood up to the Committee on Counties. I don't see where the federal government says the committee can control county revenue-sharing funds."

JUL 3 1974

Part of Onota Lake closed to swimmers

Bacterial contamination caused by human waste has forced the city to close two beaches on the western shore of Onota Lake.

Louis A. Bolduc, acting health commissioner, said yesterday that the two public unsupervised beaches off Lakeway Drive did not pass a routine water - sampling test. The two beaches, which have been without public toilets, have drawn large numbers of weekend bathers this year.

The larger public beach at Burbank Park is not affected by the bacteria, Bolduc said.

Bolduc said that without rest-room facilities nearby, bathers have taken to the nearby woods to relieve themselves. Human waste in the woods has been washed by rain into a swamp, where it has incubated into bacteria. This bacteria has then drained into the lake, Bolduc said.

Bolduc said the Department of Parks and Recreation will install portable sanitation facilities and clean the woods. He said there "is a possibility the contamination will have washed itself out by Friday" and that the beaches might be reopened for the weekend.

Registration scheduled for new swim lessons

Registration for the second series of public swimming lessons will be held tomorrow and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Pontoosuc Lake bathhouse, the Park Department announced.

Registrations may be made in person or by calling the bathhouse, according to the announcement. Children registering for these classes must be at least 6 years of age and residents of Pittsfield.

Children are required by the Park Department to bring permission slips when they attend classes.

A permission form appears below.

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JUL 22 1974

Swim meet set Saturday at Ponterril

Competition is set in 28 events in the 29th annual Pittsfield and Berkshire County swim meet at Ponterril on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and The Berkshire Eagle.

Entry blanks are available at the Park Department office at 874 North St. and the beachmasters' offices at Pontoosuc and Onota lakes. The deadline for all entries will be Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Boys and girls in the 8-and-under division will compete in the 25-yard freestyle. Midget competition (8-10) is scheduled in the 25-yard freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke.

Junior boys and girls (11-12) will compete in the 50-yard freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke; intermediates (13-14), 100-yard freestyle and 50-yard backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly; and seniors 15-18), 100-yard freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke.

Awards will be presented to top three finishers in each race.

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JUL 9 1974

Beaches reopened at Onota

The two unsupervised beaches off Lakeway Drive on Onota Lake that have been closed because of bacterial contamination from human waste were reopened yesterday.

Louis A. Bolduc, acting health commissioner, said this morning that laboratory tests of the lake water indicated a bacterial count that is sufficiently low to allow swimming at the two beaches.

Bolduc said that signs forbidding swimming have been taken down by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

He asked that swimmers use the portable sanitation facilities set up by the department.

JUL 18 1974

Lifesaving classes start at Pontoosuc

The Department of Parks and Recreation said that junior and senior lifesaving classes at Pontoosuc Lake will begin today and run for five weeks.

Participants must be at least 11 years old to participate, and class times will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Each participant must take a water test and must have a signed parental permission slip. Persons wanting to register should call Eric Tufo or Marie Downing at 443-9794.

Swim meet blanks are now available

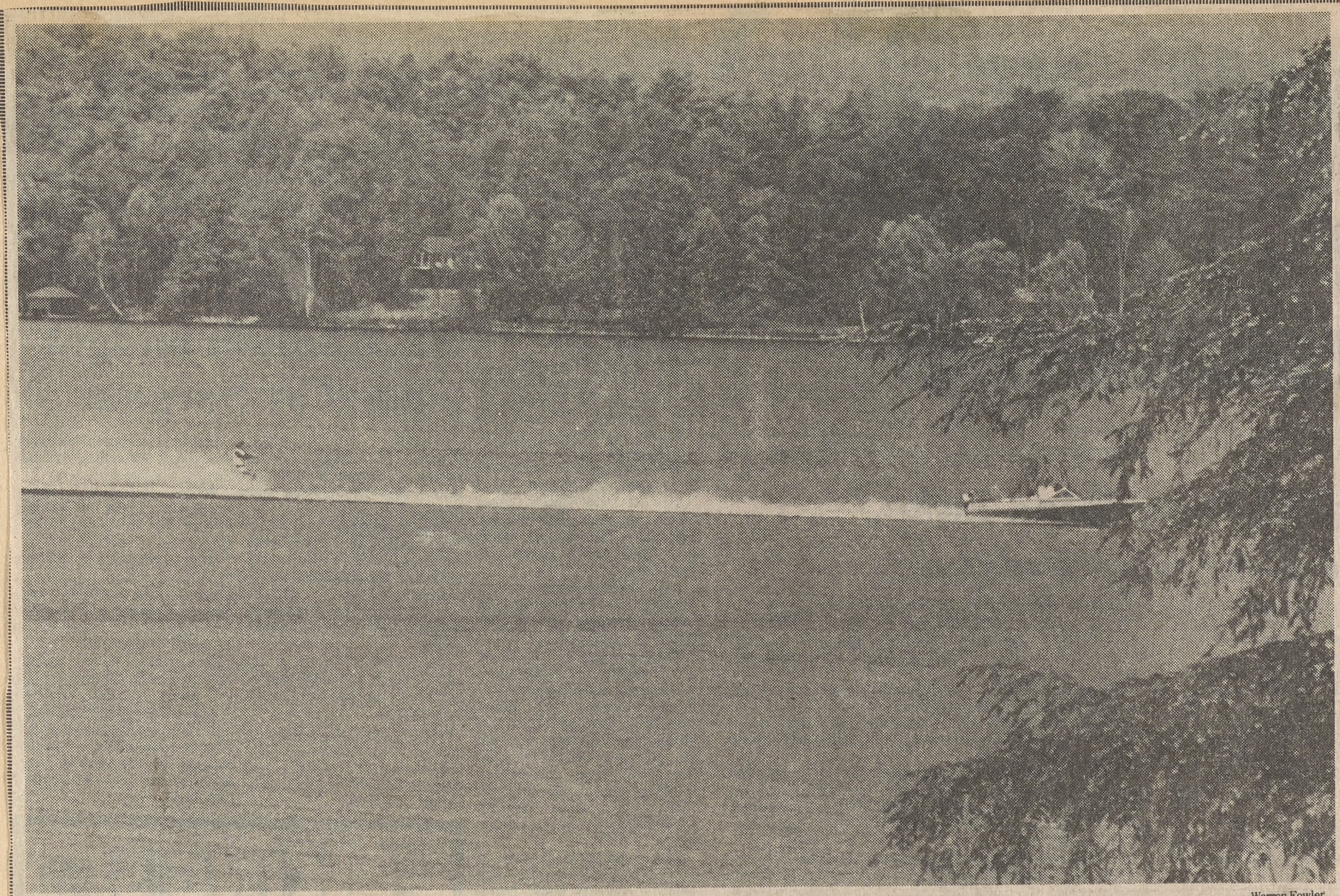
Entry blanks for the 29th annual Pittsfield and Berkshire County swim meet are available at the sponsoring Parks Department office and at the beachmaster's offices at Pontoosuc and Onota lakes.

The meet will be held Saturday, July 27, at 9:30 a.m. at the YMCA's Camp Ponterril pool. Entries will close Friday, July 26, at 5 p.m.

Twenty-eight events are scheduled in the following age brackets: 8 and under, 11 and 12, 13 and 14, 15 to 18, for both boys and girls. Prizes will be awarded the first three finishers in each event.

The meet is cosponsored by The Eagle and the city Parks Department. Additional information can be obtained from John Marchesi, director of recreation.

JUL 17 1974



Warren Fowler

Summer spurt *A water skier and boat kick up a rooster tail of white water as they flash by Onota Lake's Burbank Park.*

JUN 29 1974

JUL 26 1974

119 entries are in for swim meet

A total of 119 entries have been submitted for the annual City of Pittsfield and Berkshire County swim meet sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and The Berkshire Eagle, tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. at Camp Ponterril outdoor swimming pool off East Acre Road.

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle, and Roger B. Sloper, chairman of the Park Commission, will welcome the competitors. John C. Marchesi, director of recreation, will have charge of the meet. He will be assisted by Bruce Robertson, Robert Wheeler and Martin Eramo. Robert McDonough is responsible for publicity.

Pittsfield again has been invited to compete in the Springfield Union invitational swim meet at Springfield College on Monday, Aug. 19. Robert Wheeler, former Pittsfield High swimming stand-out, will coach the Pittsfield team for this meet.

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JUL 26 1974



DOUBLE WINNERS who each took home two first-place medals at Saturday's annual outdoor swimming meet were, front row, Amy Benner, left, and Mandy Benner; back row, from left, Jeffrey Mills, Kim Black, Marge Peronto and Matt Benner.

Six records broken at annual swim meet

Six meet records were equalled or broken in the 29th annual Pittsfield and Berkshire County Outdoor Swimming Meet held Saturday morning at the Camp Ponterril pool on East Acres Road.

The event, conducted by the Pittsfield Department of Parks and Recreation and cosponsored by The Berkshire Eagle, attracted nearly 100 spectators despite threatening weather. Competition was broken into five age categories each for boys and girls.

Meet records were broken by Jon Burno in the boys' 13-14-year-old, 50-yard backstroke, Dennis Bates in the boys' 15-18 100-yard backstroke, Audri Rivers in the girls' 13-14 50-yard breaststroke, Joe Pivero in the boys' 11-12 50-yard breaststroke, and Matt Benner in the boys 13-14 100-yard freestyle. Edward Corbett tied the record he set in last year's meet in the boys 15-18 100-yard breaststroke.

Six swimmers also took home two first-place medals in their age categories. Amy Benner won both the 25-yard freestyle and 25-yard backstroke for girls aged 10 and under. Marge Peronto took firsts in the 50-yard backstroke and the 50-yard butterfly for girls 13-14. Jeffery Mills won both the 50-yard freestyle and 50-yard backstroke for boys 11-12. Mandy Benner won the 50-yard freestyle and 50-yard breaststroke for girls 11-12. Matt Benner won the 50-yard butterfly and 100-yard freestyle for boys 13-14, and Kim Black won the 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard freestyle for girls 15-18.

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle and Park Commission chairman Roger B. Sloper addressed the crowd before the meet. Meet director was John Marchesi. Referee and starter was Robert Goodrich, and judges were Robert McGee and Robert Benner.

The first, second, and third place winners and winning times are as follows:

Boys 10 and under — 25-yard freestyle: 1st Andrew Robinson, 2nd Patrick McManus, 3rd David Dellea; 15.6 seconds; 25-yard breaststroke: Patrick McManus, 2nd Andrew Robinson, 3rd James Meany, 22.5 seconds; 25-yard backstroke: 1st David Dellea, 2nd Andrew Robinson, third Patrick McManus, 19.2 seconds.

Girls 10 and under — 25 freestyle: 1st Amy Benner, 2nd Amy Peronto, 3rd Anne Quigley, 17.2 seconds; 25 breaststroke: 1st Amy Peronto, 2nd Anne Quigley, 3rd Amy Benner, 23.4 seconds; 25 backstroke: 1st Amy Benner, 2nd Anne Quigley, 3rd Anne Potash, 24.6 seconds.

Boys 8 and under — 25 freestyle: 1st Joe Adornetto, 2nd Andy McGee, 3rd Michael Benner, 17.6 seconds.

Girls 8 and under — 25 freestyle: 1st Eileen Potash, 2nd Tracy Burno, 3rd Amy Walchenbach, 22.4 seconds.

Boys 11-12 — 50 freestyle: 1st Jeffery Mills, 2nd Peter Thompson, 3rd Joe Pivero, 29.9 seconds; 50 breaststroke: 1st Joe Pivero, 2nd David Lloyd, 3rd Bryon Robinson, 41.0; 50 backstroke: 1st Jeffery Mills, 2nd Joe Pivero, 3rd Bryon Robinson, 35.4 seconds.

Girls 11-12 — 50 freestyle: 1st Mandy Benner, 2nd Kim Gleason, 3rd Kacie Balfe, 31.9 seconds; 50 breaststroke: 1st Mandy Benner, 2nd Kacie Balfe, 3rd Mary Beth McManus, 43.5 seconds; 50 backstroke: 1st Kathleen Carey, 2nd Kacie Balfe, 3rd Kim Gleason, 42.1 seconds.

Boys 13-14 — 100 freestyle: 1st Matt Benner, 2nd Jon Burno, 3rd Doug Ward, 59.6 seconds; 50 breaststroke: 1st Jon Burno, 2nd Matt Benner, 3rd Keith Fleming, 31.2 seconds; 50 butterfly: 1st Matt Benner, 2nd John Burno, 30.0.

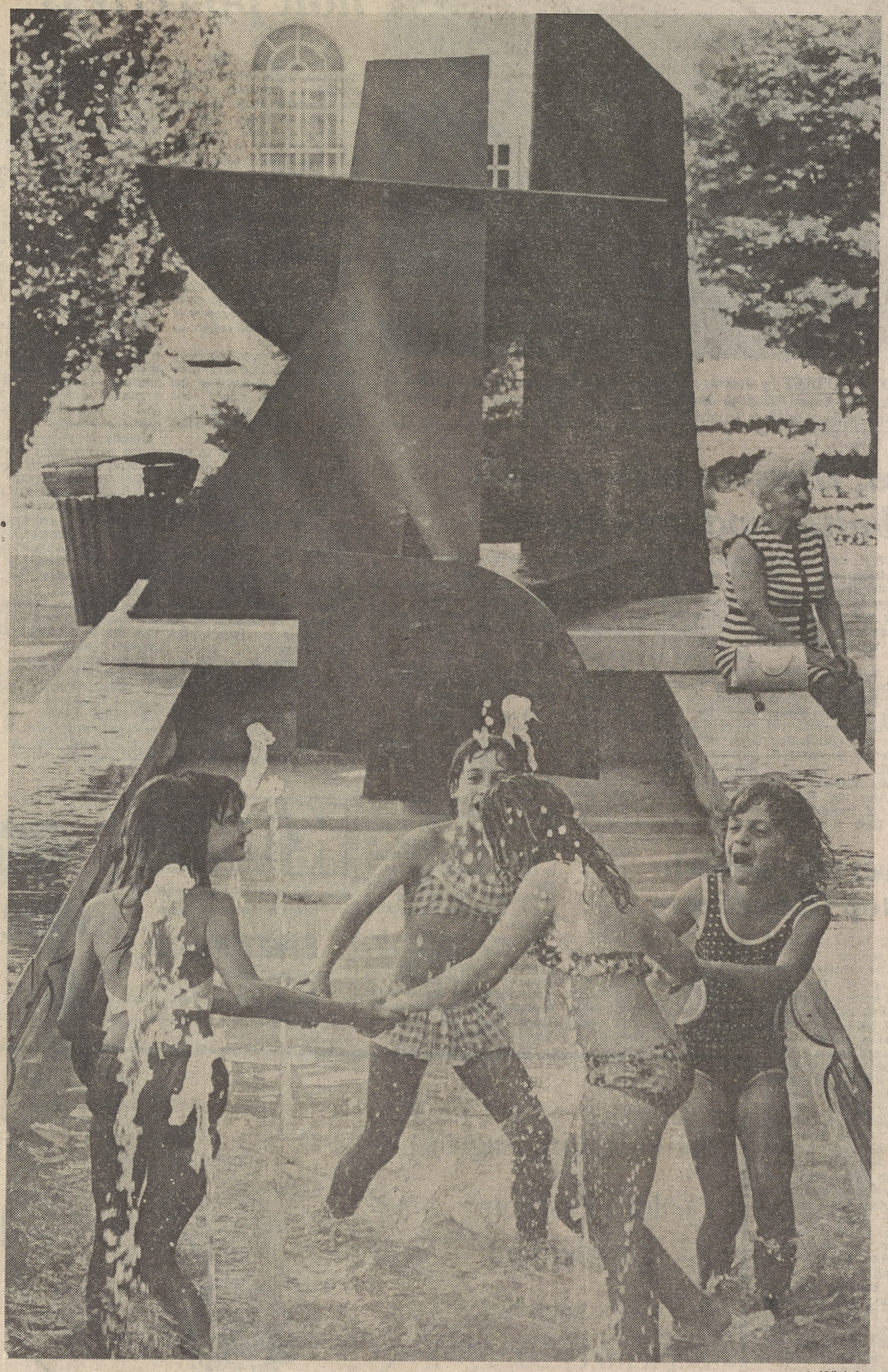
Girls 13-14 — 100 freestyle: 1st Wendy Sherman, 2nd Ann Broderick, 3rd Chris Thompson, 1:06.8; 50 breaststroke: 1st Audri Rivers, 2nd Marge Peronto, 3rd Wendy Sherman, 37.5 seconds; 50 butterfly: 1st Marge Peronto, 2nd Janet Wheeler, 3rd Chris Thompson, 33.8 seconds.; 50 backstroke: 1st Marge Peronto, 2nd Kelly McGovern, 3rd Janet White, 35.4 seconds.

Boys 15-18 — 100 freestyle: 1st Tom Broderick, 2nd Dennis Bates, 3rd John Papirio, 55.9 seconds; 100 breaststroke: 1st Edward Corbett, 2nd John Papirio, 3rd Boyd Black, 1:12.3; 100 backstroke: 1st Dennis Bates, 2nd John Murray, 3rd Boyd Black, 1:31.1.

Girls 15-18 — 100 freestyle: 1st Kim Black, 2nd Meg Gleason, 3rd Sharon Donovan 1:08.5; 100 breaststroke: 1st Elaine McManus, 2nd Sharon Donovan, 3rd Nancy Koscher, 1:28.8; 100 backstroke: 1st Kim Black, 2nd Mary Broderick, 3rd Sharon Donovan, 1:21.0.

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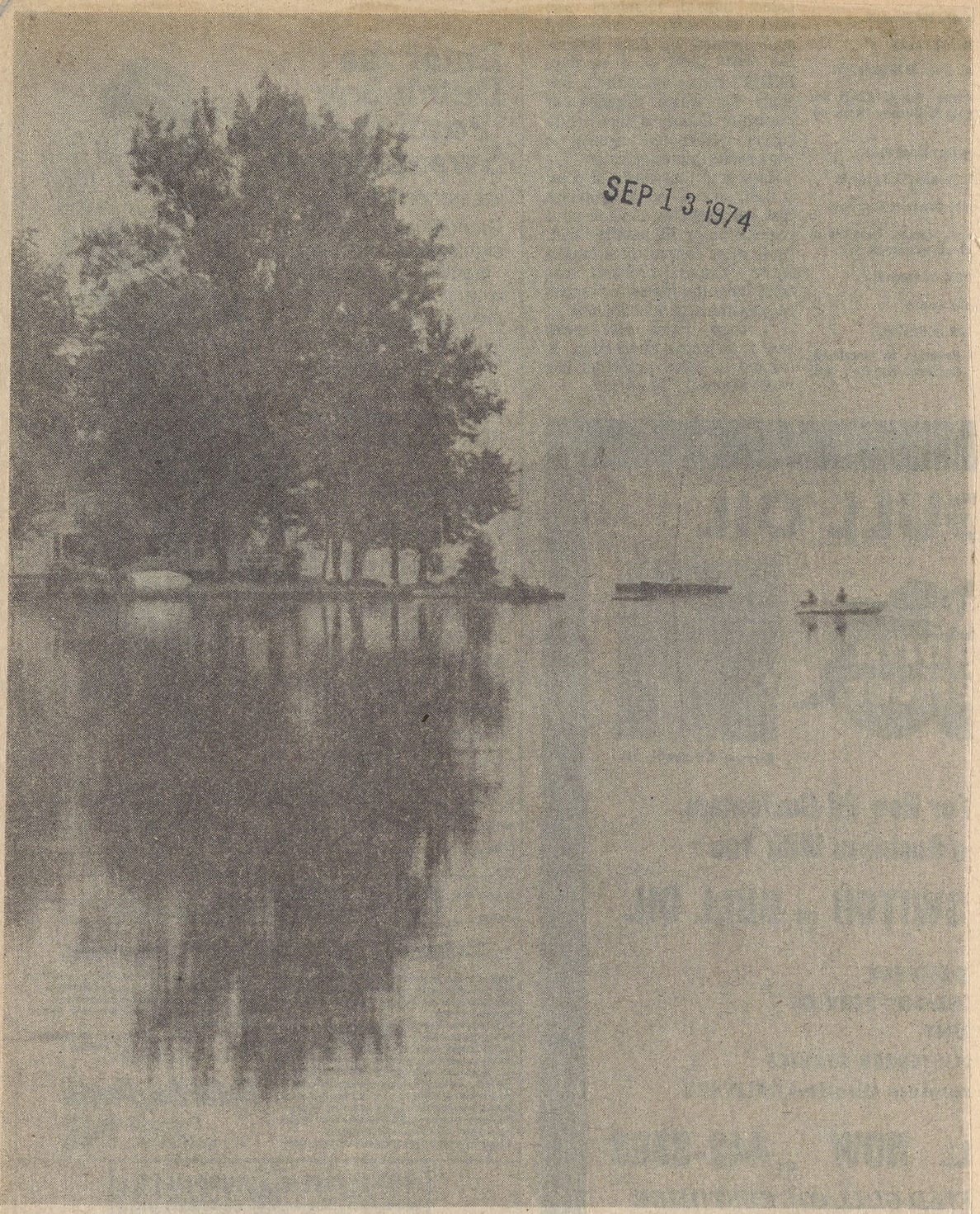


Joel Librizzi

Ring around the fountain

Looking for relief from a hot August afternoon, five young girls frolic in the pool at Dunham Mall.

SEP 13 1974



Peace and Quiet

Hazy, lazy, September days have followed the motorized vacation period on Onota Lake and now, on weekdays anyway, fishermen in rowboats can count on quiet waters.

Couig elected president of Brindle League

J. Dalton Couig Jr. of 194 Wendell Ave. has been elected president of the Paul Brindle Baseball League. John Tharion was selected treasurer and John Harvey, secretary.

Edward Puskey will be equipment manager. Player agents will be Tom Dwyer for the North and Earle Horne for the South. William King will be field manager.

The league needs more coaches for the coming season. Anyone interested should call Couig.

MAR 14 1974

North Minor League gets foul treatment

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

I am a coach in the James DiNicola North Minor League. One of the duties is to umpire one night a week and last Monday night was my turn. Arriving at the field — the old Wahconah Park Little League field — I was appalled at the condition in which I found the park.

With the circus arriving and the firemen's muster having just left, I was confronted with a tangle of tents, trucks and trash on and around the field. Another coach and I spent half an hour picking up glass from the area.

Picking up glass is an every-evening chore, but the night was the last straw. I'm tired of our field and our participants being treated like dirt.

Take a look at the Brown Street Minor League field. They have a new scoreboard, fresh foul lines and a pitcher's *mound* (we have a pitcher's "plate"). Check the writeups of the Minor leagues in *The Eagle*. Compare South's writeups to the rest of the divisions. They get one column while the North, East and West leagues are forced to share the other.

It's a shame, because all the Minor leaguers should be treated equally. But even worse is that our players have their hands full avoiding rocks, glass and ruts made in the playing field by two-ton trucks.

This is not a complaint against the league itself. A greater bunch of kids, parents and coaches would be hard to find, but North division does need more help — a clean-up crew to start with, and some more north-enders who will come out and call balls and strikes.

MICHAEL MURPHY
97 Wahconah St.
Pittsfield

JUL 12 1974

JUN 14 1974

Registration Monday for Flea League

Registration for the Department of Parks and Recreation Flea League baseball program for boys and girls will be held on Monday at Clapp Park Little League field starting at 10 a.m. Boys and girls 8 through 12 years of age, who do not participate in Little League or Minor League, are eligible regardless of where they live in the city.

Games will be played at Clapp Park Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon. The league provides the fundamentals of baseball to the boys and girls who are selected.

Tryouts will be Monday through Thursday, starting Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. Boys and girls will be placed on teams on Friday, June 27, provided they attend 50 per cent of the tryouts.

The equipment and supervision will be supplied by the Park Department, but players are asked to bring their own gloves.

~~Last year the league consisted of six teams with 124 boys and only two teams with 24 girls.~~

Further information may be obtained from the Park Department, 874 North St.

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QBC slate of officers re-elected

The entire slate of officers of the Monday Morning Quarterbacks' Club was re-elected at the annual business meeting last night at the Yellow Aster. The session followed dinner. The list includes: President, Henry V. Marchisio; vice president, Edward "Red" Fox; secretary, Fred J. Hogan; treasurer, Francis M. Callanan; sargeant - at - arms, James Mancivalano.

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Junior grid league sets registration

Registration for the junior football program sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation for boys between ages 10 and 13 will be next week.

Registrations will close next Saturday. A 13-year-old must have been born on or after Sept. 1, 1960, or prior to Sept. 1, 1961. The program is only for boys living in Pittsfield.

The registration blank printed in today's Eagle should be filled out, signed by a parent and mailed to the Department of Parks and Recreation, 874 North St. The first tryout is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. at the Common Playground. All boys who register and are selected to play must be present for their physicals on Wednesday, Aug. 28, at the Common at 6 p.m.

Anyone interested in coaching or assisting in any capacity may notify the Park Department. Further information may be obtained from John C. Marchesi, director of recreation at the Park Department office.

1974 Junior Football League Application Blank

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I would like to play in the
JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Under the direction of the
Department of Parks and Recreation

Name.....

Age.....Phone No. .....

Birth date—Month.....Day.....Year .....

Address.....

I hereby give permission for my son to play in the Junior Football League.

Parent's signature.....

PITTSFIELD JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Parks and Recreation Dept.

874 North St., Pittsfield

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Jr. football program has just 107 boys

The Department of Parks and Recreation announced today that only 107 boys have registered for the 1974 junior football program.

Registrations will close tomorrow at noon. The league is open to boys 10 to 13 years of age who reside in Pittsfield.

Further information may be obtained from John C. Marchesi at the Park Department office, 874 North St.

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Getting in Shape

Candidates for one of Pittsfield's Junior Football League teams attempt unsuccessfully to impress coach during preseason workout this week on the Common.

SEP 2 3 1974

Rams, Giants score wins in junior grid openers

The Pittsfield Junior Football League opened its 1974 season this weekend. In "A" squad action at Wahconah Park Sunday afternoon, the Rams defeated the Browns 6-0 and the Giants toppled the Lions 8-6.

In the first game, the Rams put across a first-quarter touchdown for the only score of the game. Halfback Danny Tagliente took an option pitch out from quarterback John Patella and ran it in from the 12 for the score. The Browns were unable to generate much offense as they amassed only 23 yards total offense A Brown drive in the fourth quarter reached the Ram's 18, but they were unable to convert a fourth down and short yardage attempt.

On offense, the Rams picked up 73 yards on 39 plays. They controlled the ball by keeping it on the ground.

Defense standouts for the Rans were Danny Tagliente and Chris Porter Tagliente blocked a punt and caused a fumble. Porter was in on numerous tackles. Gary Bianchi and Bob Chiaretta took part in most of the Browns defensive stops.

The Lions, who went winless last year, were ready for the new season. They dominated play in the first half and took a 6-0 lead on a 32-yard run by Andy Amuso in the second quarter. The Giants pushed 8 points across in the fourth quarter to win. Kevin Gray took an end-around play for a 40-yard touchdown. Dean Messana plunged over on a quarterback sneak for the extra point.

On the last play of the game, the Lions almost pulled it out. Kerry Williamson hit Andy Amuso with a swing pass. He ran 54 yards before Rick Murphy pulled him down. Murphy was the only man between Amuso and six points.

George Harrison and Andy Amuso led the Lions' defense. Pete Langlois, George Roussis, and Tony Woitkowski paced the Giants' defense.

In "B" league action Saturday morning the Browns defeated the Rams 20-6. Ted Isabel scored for the Browns on runs of 93 and 45 yards. Mark Morgan also scored a touchdown on a 70-yard run for the Browns. He also added a two-point conversion.

Alex Pires scored for the Rams on a 40-yard score.

In the second game, Mark Filiault scored on a six-yard run to give the Giants a 6-0 win over the Lions.

SEP 2 0 1974

Jr. football season opens

Two games slated on Sunday at Wahconah

The Pittsfield Junior Football Association, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, will open its 11th season Sunday with two games at Wahconah Park. Opening game will pit last year's champs, the Browns, against the Rams at 12:30. In the second game, starting at 1:45, the Lions will face the Giants.

The "B" squads are scheduled to play their season openers tomorrow at 10 and 11 a.m. respectively at North Junior High School field.

All contests will be officiated by members of the Berkshire County Football Officials' Association on a voluntary basis. John Quinlan, in charge of the officials' group, is a member of the Junior Football Association.

Four head coaches are returning from last year. The Lions will be headed by Louis Bologna, assisted by David Hornyak, Clark Gable, Richard Lloyd, Robert Pinsonneault and Thomas Guinan. Heading the Giants will be Robert Maher, assisted by J. Michael Ellery, William Marcel and Kevin Maher. Head coach for the Rams will be Charles Kalis, assisted by Michael Toner, Raymond Battaini, and Mark Kupiec. The Browns will be led by John Castonguay, assisted by Michael Lacy, Donald LeBlanc, William Boris and Peter Clark. League manager will be Art Gwinnell, assisted by Bruce Robertson.

Each team will play six games on a round-robin basis.

Rams and Giants tied for lead with 2-0 marks

The Pittsfield Junior Football League spent another wet and muddy weekend at Wahconah Park. Playing conditions were far from ideal. The players seemed to enjoy wallowing in the mire. The coaches felt differently as there were numerous fumbles due to the wet ball.

In the first contest, the Rams handed the Lions their second loss of the year. Mike Carpenter provided all the Rams' scoring by going in for two touchdowns and two extra points. The final score was the Rams 14 and the Lions 0.

Danny Tagliente recovered a blocked Lion punt on the Lions' 31. Carpenter took the ball on the Rams' first play from scrimmage and went 31 yards for the touchdown. He first hit off right tackle but slid to the outside and outran the pursuing defenders. he added the two point conversion as he burst over left guard.

The Rams added another score in the second quarter. The Lions were forced to punt from their 19-yard line. The kick went only seven yards to the Lions' 26. Two plays later, Andy Caprio took the ball 23 yards to the Lions' 1. Carpenter then crashed over for the score.

The Lion's were able to penetrate the Rams' half of the field only once. Just prior to the close of the first half, Kerry Williamson hit halfback Andy Amuso with a 26-yard pass.

Neither team was able to generate any sustained drive in the second half. Fumbles and sacked quarterbacks stopped offensive drives for the lions. The Rams were unable to convert fourth and short yardage plays.

The Lions controlled play as they had 37 plays to the Rams' 18. Jim Martin was the leading Lion rusher with 27 yards on 9 carries. Carpenter paced the Rams with 68 yards on 9 carries.

Chris Porter and David Fiorini paced the Rams' defense as Dave Montesanti led the Lions' defense.

In the second game, the Giants defeated last year's league champs the Browns 6-0.

As did the Rams, the Giants scored on their first offensive series. They took over deep in the Browns' territory. Two fumbles and a major penalty pushed the Browns into punting early in the first quarter. The Browns' punter, Rick Langlais, was sacked at the five. John Gregory then took it in from the 3. The point after failed.

The Giants, now 2-0 in league play, held tough when the Browns entered their territory. On four occasions, the Giant's defense held on fourth and short yardage around their own 35-yard line. Twice they threw the Browns for losses on those plays.

Other than the touchdown score, the Giants' deepest offensive penetration was to the Browns' 43. The Browns had 35 plays to the Giants' 29.

The poor field conditions became worse as the game progressed. A steady rain in the second half made things worse. Neither team could mount a drive under the playing conditions.

Dave Coppolino and Mark Lawton led the Browns' offense with 24 yards on 13 carries and 30 yards on 10 carries, respectively. George Roussis and John Gregory were the Giants' leading rushers.

Defensive standouts for the Giants were George Roussis and Dean Messana. Steve Houle and Scott Tobler led the Browns defensively.

The Rams and Giants are tied for first place with 2-0 records. The Browns and Lions are both 0-2.

In "B" league action Saturday, the Giants defeated the Browns 14-8 on a last minute touchdown by Gary Neumann. Tom Arasimowicz scored the other touchdown for the Giants on a 22 yard pass from Neumann. Tom DaFonte scored the two-point conversion. The Brown's score came on a 75-yard run by Ted Isabel. Mark Morgan added the conversion.

The Rams defeated the Lions 16-14. Alex Pires scored a touchdown and conversion for the Rams. Lance McColgan scored the second Ram touchdown and Jody Rutkowski added two more points on the conversion.

Steve Messina scored touchdowns on runs of 75 and 30 yards. A conversion was scored on a pass from Jay Casella to Shaun Northrup.

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Rams take junior lead by beating Giants 20-0

The Pittsfield Junior Football League reached the midpoint of its seasson this weekend. For the first time this season, Wahconah Park was warm, sunny and dry.

The Rams took over sole possession of first place by defeating the Giants 20-0 prior to the game, both teams were undefeated with 2-0 records. The loss drops the Giants into second place.

Neither team was able to score in the first half. Mike Carpenter scored the first touchdown in the third quarter. He went over right end from the one. The score was set up on the previous play when Carpenter carried for 16 yards. The point-after attempt failed.

Shortly later, Mark Connor scored from the five. This touchdown was set up by a 13-yard Carpenter run and a face-mask penalty. Carpenter bulled up the middle for the conversion.

Quarterback John Patella scored the final Ram touchdown on a five-yard run. The point after pass play fell short.

The Rams picked up 112 yards rushing while the Giants amassed only 15. The Rams had 31 plays to 24 for the Giants.

Only once did the Giants penetrate Ram territory. That penetration was set up on a 22-yard pass play from Dean Messana to Pete Langlais. This drive stalled at the 41 of the Rams.

Kevin Gray and John Gregory paced the Giant defense. Billy Shea led the Ram defenders.

The Browns squeezed out a 8-0 victory over the Lions. The win, first for the Browns, puts them in third place with a 1-2 record. The Lions are winless, with 0-0-3 record.

The Browns scored on a 29-yard pass play from Gary Steiner to Tom Dwyer. The pass covered only five yards. Dwyer then outran the defenders. Mark Lawton went over left tackle for the 2-point conversion.

The Browns picked up 106 yards on the ground compared to the Lions' 32. The Browns had 40 plays from scrimmage. The Lions had the ball only 22 times.

Mark Lawton paced the Browns with 68 yards on 12 carries.

Defensive standouts for the Browns were Bob Chiaretta Tom Dwyer. Jeff Otto and Tom Lloyd paced the Lions.

In B League action Saturday, the Lions defeated the Browns 20-8. The Rams defeated the Giants 6-0.

Tom Ryan scored on a two-yard quarterback sneak for the Browns. Jay Cassella, Steve Messina, and Fran Murawski scored touchdowns for the Lions. Cassella went for 30 on a quarterback keeper around right end. Morawski, a defensive player, stole the ball and took it 35 yards untouched for the touchdown. Messina's score came on a two-yard plunge.,

Alex Pires went 35 yards for the only score in the Ram Giant game.

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Paul Ferland retiring to start own business

Paul E. Ferland, a long-time Pittsfield resident, is retiring from his post as general manager of the VCA-Marland Co. here to start up his own business in Boca Raton, Fla.

A company spokesman confirmed yesterday that Ferland's retirement will become effective at the end of the month. The company's parent firm, the Ethyl Corp., has not yet named a replacement, the spokesman said.

At age 57, Ferland is electing to take an early retirement to launch his own company, the Ferland Mold Co., specializing in precision molds for the plastics industry and special machinery businesses. He is expected to be joined in the venture by his brother, Roger, who also spent many years in Pittsfield.

Started in garage

Ferland was one of the two original owners of the old Marland Mold Co. He started the business with Savarino Marchetto in 1946 in a two-car garage behind the New England Furniture Co. By 1948 he added a subsidiary operation, the Greylock Plastics Co., and in 1960 moved both plants to their current location on Pecks Road.

Both firms were bought in 1968 by the Valve Corporation of America (VCA), and in the last two years Ferland, as general manager of the Marland Mold unit, oversaw expansion of the facilities with the addition of VCA-Pittsfield, an injection-molding plant.

Last spring the entire complex became a subsidiary of a still larger corporation when the Ethyl Co., a producer of lead for automobile gasoline, bought out VCA.

Montreal native

A native of Montreal, Canada, Ferland went to local schools and graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1936. In 1940 he was accepted as an apprentice in General Electric's mold-making program. He worked until 1946 with GE as a journeyman mold-maker in the company's plastics mold-making operation, which has since been discontinued.

He and his wife, Jemma, live at 29 Ann Drive. They are vacationing now and plan to move to Florida next month, according to a VCA-Marland spokesman.

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Rams hold junior lead, defeating Browns by 2-0

In Pittsfield Junior Football League action Sunday, the Giants defeated the Lions 14-6 and the Rams squeezed by the Browns 2-0.

As frequently is the case, the scoreboard and statistic chart told two very different stories in the Giant-Lion game. The Giants held the edge where it counts, on the scoreboard. The Lions, however, played inspired football and held the advantage on paper. They held possession of the ball for the entire 2nd and 3rd periods.

The Lions' 56-yard drive ran out of time in the second quarter. The ball was on the 12-yard line when the period came to an end.

Lions march

In the third quarter, the Lions marched 61 yards to score. Dave DeLoria took it over for the touchdown from the two.

The Giants scored all of their points in the first quarter. They opened the game by surprising the Lions with a halfback pass. The play from George Roussis to Pete Langlois covered 28 yards. Tony Wojtkowski then carried for 26 yards. Quarterback Dean Messana then took it in for the score from the 4.

Messana scored on a 1-yard keeper as the first quarter came to an end. He set up his score with a 21-yard scamper on the play before. Wojtkowski scored the conversion.

Jim Martin and Andy Amuso paced the Lions offensively with 56 yards on 13 carries and 30 yards on 4 carries, respectively. Messana picked up 35 yards on 6 carries while Wojtkowski had 49 yards on 5 carries.

Steve Drager and Joe Bromback led the Giants defensively. DeLoria and Gary Langdon paced the Lions' defensive unit.

Only score

In the second game, Darryl Demarico tackled the Brown runner in the end zone for a safety. This was the only score in the game. The score came in the third period. The Rams had a drive going that ran out of steam at the Browns' 5. The Browns were unable to get any running room and the safety resulted.

Other than the drive prior to the score, the Rams never penetrated past the Brown 35. The Browns got to the Rams 35 only twice.

The game was marked by tough defense and hard hitting.

Bob Chiaretta was outstanding on defense for the Browns. He had three fumble recoveries and was in on most of the Brown tackles. Gary Bianchi also excelled on defense for the Browns.

Danny Tagliente and Dean DeCarlo paced the Ram defense.

Mike Carpenter and Mark Connor ran for 33 and 21 yards, respectively. Carpenter carried 13 times while Connor had 6 rushes from scrimmage.

Mark Lawton led the Brown's offense with 26 yards on 12 carries.

The Rams had 34 plays from scrimmage compared to 35 for the Browns.

The victory keeps the Rams in first place with a 4-0 record. The Giants' remain in 2nd place with a 3-1 record. The Browns are 1-3 and the Lions are 0-4.

League play

Saturday morning in B League action, the Giants defeated the Lions 18-6. In the second game, the Browns squeaked by the Rams 6-0.

The Lions drew first blood when Jay Casella hit Shaun Northrup for a 30-yard touchdown pass. The point after attempt fell short.

The Giants dominated the game from that point on. Tom DaFonte scored two touchdowns on runs of 9 and 4 yards. DaFonte and Gary Neumann added the two point conversions following the touchdowns. A safety finished off the scoring.

In the second game, speedy Ted Isabel scored another of his long yardage touchdowns. This time, he went 62 yards for the score on an end sweep. The conversion attempt failed.

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Rams drub Lions 28-0, clinch junior title

By virtue of their 28-0 victory over the Lions, the Rams are the 1974 Junior Football League champions. Their victory gives them a 5-0 record in league play. Besides the undefeated record, the Rams are unscored upon.

The Rams scored the first three times they had the ball. Marl Connor set the scene as he picked up 25 yards on the first play of the game. Nine plays later, Connor's great block sprung Mike Carpenter for a 2-yard touchdown run around left end. The PAT fell short.

The Lions fumbled after taking the kickoff. Carpenter added six more points on a 6-yard sweep around left end for the touchdown. He added the PAT on a run around right end.

Chris Porter recovered an onside kick for the Rams on the kickoff. Carpenter went in for the touchdown following a 43-yard drive. John Patella added the PAT.

The final Ram score came in the fourth quarter on a 10-yard run by Connor.

The Lions were able to generate a drive from their 29 to the Ram 38. The drive consisted of 13 plays. The Ram defense got tough and the Lions turned over the ball on downs.

Connor, Carpenter and Danny Tagliente picked up 79, 69, and 50 yards, respectively, on runs from scrimmage.

The Rams had 49 plays to 29 for the Lions.

Dean DeCarlo and Chris Porter paced the Ram defense. Each recovered a fumble and were in on numerous tackles.

Andy Amuso, Andy Kramer, and Gene Sala led the Lion defense.

Browns take Giants

In other league action, the Browns used a late score to defeat the Giants 8-0.

The Browns and Giants played scoreless ball for almost the entire game. The tough Brown defense, led by Bob Chiaretta and Ray Charrow, checked the Giants' offense. The Browns had only one deep, sustained drive into Giant territory. The drive fell short at the Giant's three.

Then the Giants mounted a drive that brought them out to their own 49. Brown defensive back George Keil then picked off a pass at the Brown 44. He outraced the Giants to score. He covered 56 yards on the play. Mark Lawton added the point-after-touchdown conversion.

Following the ensuing kickoff, the Giants had only enough time to get off one play.

The victory gives the Browns a 2-3 record. The defeat drops the Giants to 3-2.

The Giant's offense was paced by Tony Wojtkowski and John Gregory. Wojtkowski had 31 yards on seven carries. Gregory had the longest run of the game; he covered 31 yards on an end sweep.

Mark Lawton was a workhorse for the Browns. He carried 14 times for 65 yards. Bob Chiarretta accumulated 45 yards on 9 carries.

Paul Paris, outstanding on defense for the Giants, was involved in almost every play that came to his side of the field. Tom DaFonte, a B player brought up last week, was also tough on defense for the Giants.

The Browns ran 33 plays from scrimmage, compared to 27 for the Giants.

B. Results

Saturday morning behind North Junior High School, the two B-league games ended in ties. In the first game the Giants and Browns played to a scoreless draw. The Lions and Rams ended the game with six points apiece.

The Giants had numerous drives spoiled by offside and illegal-procedure penalities.

Alex Pires scored on a six-yard quarterback keeper for the Rams. The extra point attempt failed.

Steve Messina put across a second-half score on a 12-yard run for the Lions. The extra-point pass play was complete. The score was denied as the Lions were called for illegal procedure, and the second attempt from the seven fell short.

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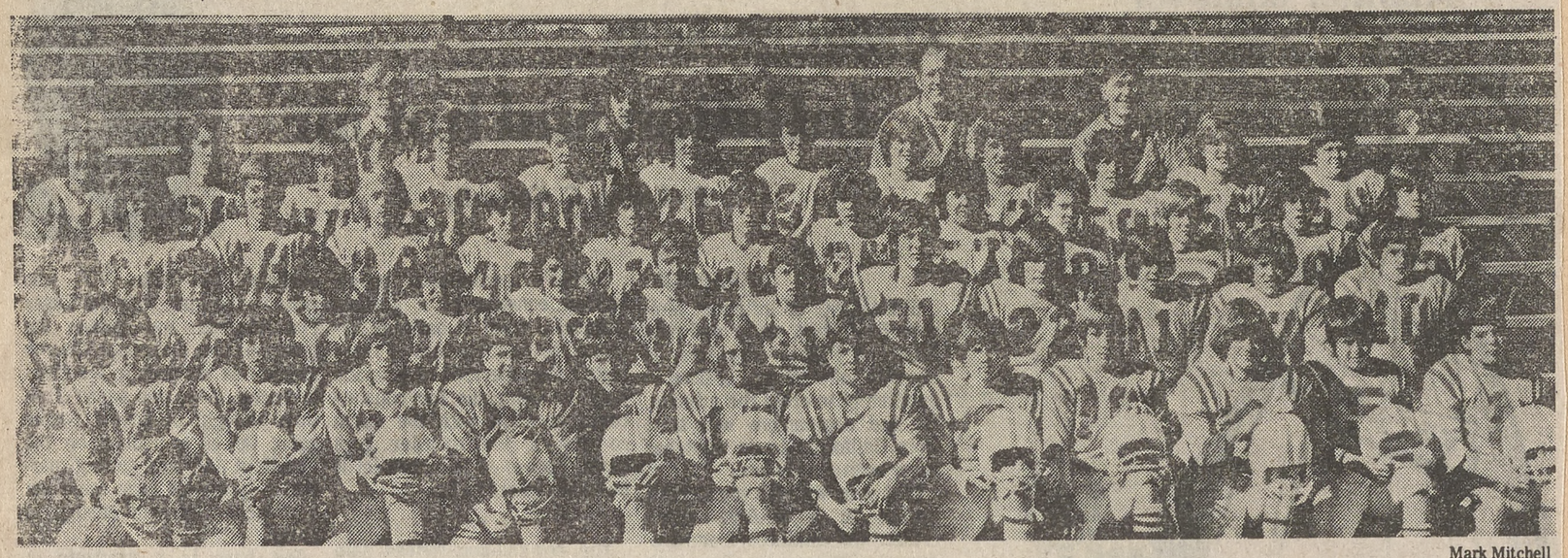
Jr. League ends season on weekend

The Pittsfield Junior Football League will conclude its season this weekend.

On Sunday afternoon at Wahconah Park, the Giants and Rams will tangle at 12:30, with the Browns and the Lions meeting in the second contest.

All players are reminded to bring a change of clothes, because uniforms will be collected following both games.

The Saturday morning B league games have been shifted from North Junior High to South Junior High. At 10, the Giants will meet the Rams. The Browns will face the Lions at 11.



Mark Mitchell

JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS for 1974 are the Rams. Personnel is, left to right: first row, Jody Rutkowski, Tom LeClair, Jim Hassett, Pete Tagliente, Dan Tagliente, Bill Shea, Tom Connor, John Crane, Lance McColgan, Mike Caprio, Dave Capeci, and John Tagliente; second row, John Dallmeyer, Leo Nesbit, Dave Schultz, Ray Battaini, Dave Bordeau, Tom Connally, John Swift, Mark Connor, John Patella, Dan Anello, Todd Mancivalano and Al Pires; third row, Darryl Demarsico, Dave Fiorini, Rick Chase, Shawn Kalis, John Mazur, John Barry, Andy Capria, Dan Damasca, Andy Reis, Dan Barry, Charles Burnick and Tom Harrison; fourth row, Chris Porter, Pat Gagne, Mike Magner, Mike Carpenter, Dave Quetti, Dean DeCarlo, Bob MacDowell, Dave Lussier, John Gould, Tom Phillips, Dave Suarez and Mario Castagna; fifth row, coaches Mark Kupiec, Mike Tower, Charlie Kalis and Ray Battaini. The Rams defeated the Giants yesterday and finished the season with a 6-0 record. In the second contest yesterday the Lions and Browns tied 8-8, closing out the league campaign.

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JFL banquet is scheduled for Friday

The annual banquet for the Junior Football League will be held Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Highland Hall on Fenn Street.

Guests will include Mayor Evan Dobelle, City Council President Philip Tully, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Vincent J. Hebert, members of the Park Commission, members of the Junior Football League board of directors and members of the Berkshire County Football Officials Association who worked at the junior football games this year.

The league champions, the Rams, coached by Charles Kalis, will receive awards. Art Gwinnell, the league manager, will be master of ceremonies.

Boys who have not been informed of the banquet should contact their coaches.

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JFL season concludes; Rams are unscored on

The Pittsfield Junior Football League concluded its season this weekend with the Rams, who captured the championshp last week, keeping an unblemished record. They defeated the Giants 22-0. The Rams finished the season unscored on, with a record of 6-0. In the second contest, the Lions and Browns played to an 8-8 tie.

Mike Carpenter paced the Rams offensively with three touchdowns on runs of 15, 9, and 40 yards. He picked up 86 yards on 10 carries.

Carpenter's first score came on an end sweep to the right in the first quarter. Mark Connor plunged over for the PAT.

The Giants were forced to punt following the Rams' kickoff. The punter kicked the ball into one of his own players. The Rams recovered the ball at the Giants' 16. Carpenter then went in for the score on a dive off left tackle.

Giants move

Before the half ended, the Giants were on the move as George Roussis completed a 14-yard halfback pass to Pete Langlais. Quarterback Dean Messana then hit John Gregory and Tony Wojtkowski on pass plays of six and 10 yards, respectively, before time ran out.

The Rams kicked off to start the second half. Billy Shea recovered for the Rams as no Giant player covered the ball. Two plays later Carpenter zigzagged his way to a 40-yard scoring run. Dimunitive Lance McCologan showed great balance as he stumbled in for the PAT.

The stingy Ram defense allowed the Giants to enter its half of the field only once. That penetration went to the rams' 47. On the next play, the Giants were pushed back into their own territory.

Dean DeCarlo and Dave Quetti paced the Rams defensive unit. George Roussis and Kevin Gray played well for the Giants on defense.

Lions score first

In the second contest, the winless Lions drew first blood on the Browns. Following a very short punt, the Lions took over on the Brown's 28. Andy Amuso took it in a few plays later on a three-yard run around right end. Andy Kramer plunged over right guard for the two-point conversion.

The Browns' fourth-quarter score was set up when George Keil stole the ball from Amuso. Gary Steiner hit Tom Dwyer for a 15-yard touchdown on a fourth-and-11 play. Speedy Ted Isabel scampered in around right end for the PAT.

Amuso and Kramer paced the Lions' offense. Both boys played with minor injuries.

The Brown's offensive backfield has also been hindered by injuries all year. Gary Bianchi and Mark Lawton, two regular halfbacks, were unable to play due to injuries. Ted Isabel, a B-team regular, was brought up to fill the backfield. He picked up 49 yards on 10 carries. His longest gain was for 16 yards. Each team had 35 plays from scrimmage.

Defensive standouts for the Lions were Dave Jarem, Amuso and Dave Montesanti. Steve Houle, Dwyer, and Joe Pivero led the Browns defensively.

Final league standings are: Rams, 6-0; Giants, 3-3; Browns, 2-3-1-; Lions, 0-5-1.

B League results

In B League games at South Junior High school Saturday, the Lions defeated the Browns 12-0. In the second contest the Rams slipped by the Giants 6-0.

Kyle Hubbard and Jack Henault each scored touchdowns for the Lions on runs of 25 yards. Henault's score came on the last play of the game. Lance McCologan went in from the 20 for the only score in the Ram-Giant game.



Steve Hawkins

JUNIOR FOOTBALL players were honored last night at Highland Hall in the annual post season banquet. Trophies went to members of the champion Rams team, whose co-captains are Mark Connor (second from left) and David Quetti (second from right). Other luminaries included Edward "Red" Fox, president of the Junior Football League, Mayor Evan Dobelle (center), and Charley Kalis, coach of the Rams (right). Over 200 attended.

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N. J. Little Leagues get word to let girls play

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Little League baseball teams in New Jersey must permit girls to play, the state director of civil rights has ruled.

Gilbert H. Francis, director of the Division of Civil Rights, ordered Thursday that Little League baseball treat both sexes equally on its New Jersey teams.

The order, believed to be the first of its kind, also directs that both boys and girls be informed of tryout times.

The order stemmed from a complaint by 12-year-old Maria Pepe of Hoboken, who was dropped from her local team after Little League, Inc., headquartered in Williamsport, Pa., threatened to revoke the team's charter.

The Thursday action endorsed a ruling by a hearing examiner last November. Little League has threatened to appeal the ruling to the state courts.

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LL angry in Jersey

Officials to ask stay of ruling on girls' play

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — Little League baseball administrators plan to field a team at the state capital soon to urge the New Jersey Legislature to stay a ruling requiring the league to let girls play.

This past January the State Division on Civil Rights formalized a ruling that made New Jersey the first state in the nation to require Little League baseball teams to permit girls to play. Civil Rights Hearing Examiner Sylvia Pressler issued the ruling last November.

At a meeting in Hazlet last Saturday, Little League officials incensed at the ruling voted unanimously to suspend all play in the state.

Carmine Conti, administrator for the league's District 7 in Hudson County, said Tuesday that administrators and league presidents intend to hold another meeting this weekend at which they plan to organize a "buscade" to Trenton. Members about the state would bus to the capital, probably early next week, he said, to see the governor and legislators and to demonstrate peacefully.

"We'll lobby for a stay of the Civil Rights ruling until Jan. 1, 1975," Conti said. "By then we hope we'll be able to work something out."

Conti noted that the Little League is a voluntary, nonprofit organization and has a federal charter that says only boys can play. The federal charter thus is in conflict with the state Civil Rights ruling, he said.

Watertown OKs girls to try Little League

WATERTOWN, Conn. (AP) — The executive board of the local Little League Wednesday night voted to allow girls to play baseball with boys.

The 6-3 vote with one abstention followed a two hour meeting at which parents, teachers and league officials debated the question.

The resolution paved the way for about 60 girls to tryout for teams in the Watertown-Oakville league.

The board also approved a resolution to create an all girls softball league as an alternative to the integrated hardball league.

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Little League slates meeting

A preseason meeting for all Pittsfield Little League officers, managers and coaches has been scheduled for Wednesday night at 7:30 at the Stanley Club on Wendell Avenue. A short first-aid course related to baseball injuries will be given during the meeting. Minor league safety officials will be welcome.

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Registration set for new Little Leaguers

Registration for new Little League baseball candidates 9 through 12 years of age will be held Saturday morning at 10 and Monday night, April 8 at 6.

Locations for registrations are as follows: North, Wahconah Little League field; South, Deming League Field; West, Clapp field; East, fire station on Somerset Avenue.

Dates and times for tryouts will be set later by each league's president. The season will open Sunday, May 19 at the four Little League fields. The annual candy sale will be Sunday, June 9. 8, 1975

Boys who will be at least 9 and under 13 by Aug. 1 will be eligible for play.

Little League boundaries are:

NORTH LEAGUE

From Lanesboro town line at a point East of and including Murray Street, Southeast of and including Clark's Road and Lafayette Street to the east boundary of Springside Park. East of and including Grove Street and Winter Street. East of and including Fourth Street to East Street. West to North Street including north side of East Street. North to Linden Street including the east side of North Street. West, south of and including Linden Street to a point south of Cascade Street on Hancock town line.

EAST LEAGUE

From Lanesboro town line at a point east of but not including Murray Street. South, east of but not including Clark's Road and Lafayette Street. West of and including Brown Street. East of but not including Fourth Street to East Street to Junction Road then South and East along Brattlebrook to Dalton town line.

SOUTH LEAGUE

From Dalton town line, west and north, along Brattlebrook to Junction Road. West, including south side of East Street to Pomeroy Avenue. South, east of but not including Pomeroy Avenue to Holmes Road. South from Pomeroy Avenue to Holmes Road. South from Pomeroy Avenue, east of but not including Holmes Road to N.Y. Central. South along railroad to Lenox town line.

WEST LEAGUE

From Hancock town line at a point south of Cascade Street, but not including Cascade Street. East, south of but not including Linden Street to North Street. South including west side of North Street to East Street. East, including south side of East Street to Pomeroy Avenue. South, east of and including Pomeroy Avenue, Holmes Road. South, from Pomeroy Avenue east of and including Holmes Road to railroad. South along railroad to Lenox town line.

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North League sets new dates for tryouts

Because of the bad weather, the North Little League has set new tryout times. The initial tryouts were slated to start tomorrow night.

The new dates and times are as follows: 9-year-olds, April 19 at 5:45, April 21 at 3, April 25 at 5:45; 10-year-olds, April 20 at 9:30, April 22 at 5:45, April 26 at 5:45; 11-year-olds, April 20 at 1, April 23 at 5:45, April 27 at 9:30; 12-year-olds, April 21 at 12, April 24 at 5:45, April 27 at 1.

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LL head sees R.I. shutdown

PAWTUCKET, R.I. (AP) — The president of the Darlington America Little League has threatened to shut down the league if the courts order the league to allow a 9-year-old girl to play.

He also claimed that the state's 54 other little leagues would follow suit, an action that could affect an estimated 20,000 boys in Rhode Island.

In a statement read to players and their parents at the Slater Park ball field, Richard F. McCluskie said the organization would "suspend play" rather than admit the 9-year-old girl and "forfeit the federal (Little League) charter."

A complaint was filed in U.S. District court here last week on behalf of Allison "Pookie" Fortin and her father, Dr. Robert Fortin, challenging the Darlington league's decision to bar her from trying out for the team.

The suit charged that she was the victim of sex discrimination.

McCluskie said that about 60 per cent of the leagues in the state are now willing to shut down, if the court orders Pookie admitted.

"Should we be confronted with the problem I suspect that 100 per cent would shut down," he said.

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R.I. Little Leaguers face choice

State's governor takes sides with 9-year-old girl

PAWTUCKET, R.I. (AP) — Representatives of 26 Rhode Island little leagues were told that if a Pawtucket league loses a sex discrimination suit pending in U.S. District Court, all leagues in the state will have to choose between following the court order or keeping their national Little League charter.

Joseph Losch, eastern regional director of the National Little League, told about 120 league officials representing almost half of the state's 55 leagues that the national organization will revoke the charter of any league which accepts girls, even if they are ordered by the court to accept them.

Losch told the officials Thursday night they could continue organized baseball, but not under Little League auspices.

William Burke, attorney for the Darlington American Little League, the Pawtucket league involved in the case, told the group that the court decision will apply to all Rhode Island leagues, not just Darlington.

A hearing on the case is scheduled for April 25 in Providence.

Nine year old Allison "Pookie" Fortin and her father, Robert, have asked the court for a preliminary injunction against Darlington, which prevented Pookie from playing.

Earlier Thursday, Gov. Philip Noel took sides with Pookie, noting, "We have always had a problem providing healthy outdoor activities for girls."

Noel said letting girls take part in the little league would be wholesome.

He also urged league officials to "rethink" their decision to shut the league down if the court forces it to accept girls.

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Registration still possible for East Little League

Boys 9 to 12 years of age still may register for the East Little League at tryouts this weekend. The tryouts will be held at the Plastics Avenue field Saturday from 10 in the morning until 2 in the afternoon and Sunday afternoon at 2.

APR 25 1974

Peabody girl to try out

Suffolk court issues ruling to that effect

BOSTON (AP) — The Peabody Little League will have to let 10-year-old Janine Cinseruli try out for the team Saturday under a ruling issued Wednesday in Suffolk Superior Court.

The temporary restraining order issued by Judge Samuel Adams prohibits the team from barring the Peabody girl from the tryouts, the last set of which will be held this weekend.

The case goes back into court May 3 for a hearing on a preliminary injunction.

An attorney from the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts and attorney Ruth Budd are challenging the Little League's boys only ruling as discriminatory.

The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, which has already found probable cause of discrimination in Janine's case, will begin a full hearing May 6.

Girls can play too

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TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A New Jersey appeals court Friday upheld a ruling that Little League baseball must let girls take the field with boys.

A Little League spokesman said the organization had not yet decided whether to appeal the 2-1 ruling by the three-judge panel. If an appeal is made, the state Supreme Court is required to consider it.

The decision by the Appellate Division of Superior Court followed by a day a similar decision by Judge George B. Gelman of Hackensack in the case of Frances Pescatore, 11. She had applied Feb. 2 to play in the nearby Ridgefield League.

Gelman said the Ridgefield Boys Athletic Association was setting a bad example by changing its name to include "Boys" in the title and by threatening to close down rather than let girls play.

A general directive by the state Division of Civil Rights ordered the group two months ago to allow participation by girls. It was that directive the Appellate Division upheld.

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FAIR OR FOUL



By Roger O'Gara

YEARS AGO, we had a girl flash on The Eagle. She was reasonably bright, obviously eager to learn, polite, pleasant, and wrote halfway well. Management thought she was great. But I liked best what an old associate said about her: "She would have gotten her ass beat off in the old days," he quipped.

That was realistic evaluation.

I thought of this during recent weeks when a large horde of girls was descending upon Little League baseball in assorted way stations across the nation.

Thought-provoking newspaper essayists, judges who wouldn't know a squeeze play from a kick in the derriere, profound leaders in the medical profession all were running into print to uphold the little misses' right to compete on equal terms with the boys for whom Little League was designed. Not one bothered to ask the pertinent question, which is: Can the girl play ball?

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DOTING PARENTS by the dozens were filing suits for their little girls in courts no one ever heard of. Little League executives in Williamsport, Pa., were running scared. Their utterances in interviews indicated that. Not one raised the question of who had the proper jurisdiction. Legal authorities, caught up in this great swirl of women's liberation, were carrying the day. No one in officialdom had either the great common sense or guts to suggest that if the little girls suddenly were so interested in baseball, why hadn't one of their many backers organized a league for them?

It looked for a time as if Little League, an organization that has been in existence for more than a quarter of a century with seemingly good results, was being threatened to the core.

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OF COURSE, this isn't the first time Little League has been the target of uninformed persons. For years, psychologists have decried the effects of its pressures on little boys. At the same time, bone specialists omnisciently have reported that competition of the kind fostered by the league is detrimental to the growing body.

Yet, all of a sudden, publicity - hungry people have joined the parade to take over this worthwhile project which a man named Carl Stotz spent a lifetime developing.

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TED WILLIAMS, an authority on the art of hitting, once said that there is nothing in sports so difficult as hitting a thrown baseball.

Having tried it with a minimum of success in the era when there was no Little League, I can agree with him. But I must admit that I haven't attempted many other sports. Oh, I've had passing experience in basketball, football, golf and volleyball, but I must concede I've missed auto-racing, hockey, cliff-climbing, sailing and many others.

Sports fans to whom I've talked proposed an alternative method of handling this problem. One fellow said, "Let them try out. Pick a handful. And then sit their asses on the bench for the entire season."

That seems to make sense, but what a wail of protest that would bring from mother and mother - dominated father!

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HERE IN PITTSFIELD, there hasn't been the fuss that has existed in other parts of the country. Francis McDonald, county commissioner of the sport for the last 15 years, said there have been "isolated cases of inquiry," but nothing close to what has been happening nationally.

"We merely told them that they weren't eligible, and they accepted our ruling," he said.

McDonald went on to point out that the national Little League office several years ago put in a girls' softball program. He said there was a strong possibility of such an activity being chartered this summer in Great Barrington.

Whoa! An alert girl on the copy desk advises me that the West Stockbridge Little League has advised that the tryouts will be open to girls.

Now comes word of two young ladies actually playing. Coach Ernie Louison of the Mill River Red Sox advises that he has a pair who can play ball. They participated Sunday as the Mill River team beat the Lenox Knights of Columbus 8-7 at Lenox.

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Many Little League supporters have raised the question of injury to girls in vital organs. A speeding baseball can inflict all kinds of hurts. There also is a possibility of physical damage in collision plays at bases. A fielder also is subject to minor damage, such as fingers, hands and arms.

Little League has been criticized for years because of parental interference. Over-zealous fathers and mothers have tended to put their noses in where they don't belong, i.e., bringing pressure on the coaches to play their offspring even though worthier boys are available at all positions.

My main criticism of Little League has been that fathers and mothers have played too large a vocal role at games. I have attended contests over the years and have been distressed by parental outcries directed at managers, umpires and players.

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NO, IT WOULDN'T appear that baseball is the proper field for a little girl to make her athletic debut. Softball makes more sense. There is a distinction between soft and hard, and it would seem that the average little girl should be more suited to softball.

In fact, that would apply as well to the highly talented girl, the one who is the tomboy and seems able to do many things boys her age can do.

Here again we run into the old situation of demand and supply. A league would demand a minimum of 60 girls or maybe 90. Where would you find more than 10 or 15 who would be able to pass the physical rigors of competition?

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GIRLS have proven in recent years they can play golf, tennis and basketball. They also do well in bowling.

In golf and basketball, the rules have been altered to help them. Bowling and tennis insist that they do it on their own. Golf, tennis, basketball and bowling are noncontact sports.

Baseball is a contact sport, not in the sense that football is, but there are enough situations where hard body contact is inevitable. When these incidents occur, there is good reason to be concerned about the physical well-being of the participants.

When Jackie Jackson tried out with the Pittsfield Rangers almost two years ago, she created a sensation. That was because the thought of a professional girl baseball player was news. It portrayed the unusual and the extraordinary. But after taking one look at her, it was obvious she wouldn't be able to meet the day-to-day tests against young men her own age. And if she couldn't do it at 21, how could you expect hundreds of girls to do it from 8 to 12? She caught a thrown ball halfway well, fielded grounders with a certain kind of proficiency, but lacked power at bat.

So my advice to girls who may have toyed with the idea of becoming Little Leaguers is, forget it, try something else, like horseback riding or hiking.

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By Kirk Scharfenberg

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"Maybe I'm just old fashioned."

Mrs. Rawling said she began coaching when it appeared the Egremont entry in the league might collapse because of a lack of adult participation. "I said I'd do it until they got somebody else," she recalled. She's been at it ever since.

Louison had threatened to insist on the girls on his team being permitted to play and cited a court ruling in Peabody requiring that qualified girls be allowed to participate in Little League play.

Mrs. Rawling, while stating her personal opposition to girls' participation in the previously all-boys league, expressed an interest in seeing how well the girls might, in fact, perform.

"I can still pitch and beat them (the men) in our parents' game," she said.

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East Little League selects 41 new players

Forty-one boys 9 through 12 years of age were selected by the East Little League following tryouts completed Saturday. The league season will open Sunday, May 19, with IUE meeting Besse-Clarke.

The new players and their teams are as follows:

BURGER CHEF

Sal Barese, Mark Lausier, Peter Nesbit, Ricky Penna, Andy Reis, John Tanner.

IUE 255

Michael Charland, Tony Curro, Marc Mastrangelo, Bob Munger, Chip Tart.

McDONALDS

Peter Henry, Richard Johnson, Danny Maffuccio, Keith Scalvini, David Terry.

CREDIT UNION

Steven Crawford, Paul Hunter, Gilbert Peck, Brian Pratt, Gary Rose, Mark Sottile.

BESSE-CLARK

Tom Eichelser, Paul Ostrikis, Chuck Turner, David Vincent, Patrick Walsh, James White.

PITTSFIELD PIPERS

Marc Kanalos, John Kowalczyk, Paul LaPierre, Anthony Teti, Jeff White.

MOLD MASTER

Jeff Andras, Ricky Andras, Gary Bouchard, Danny Hall, Craig LaDouceur, Tom Phillips, Mark Sylvia, William Winters.

South Little League selects 42 new players

Forty-two new players have been chosen as members of the South Little League. The players and their assigned teams are as follows:

M&W Heating: Alan Bishop, John LeBeau, Dan McCormick, Doug Hubregson, Mike Martin, Timothy Roberts.

East Side Pizza: Michael Cancilla, Paul Forcier, James Casino, Michael Forcier, Phil Hooker.

Magner's Drug: Craig Luscier, Richard Rabideau, Michael Stamer, David Stamer, John Mullin.

Virgilio's Construction: Joseph Fox, Mike McGowan, Edward Fox.

Stevenson's Insurance: Ricky Asher, Brian McHugh, John Augenstein, Matt Houson, Gary Pignone.

Tank Shop: Kevin Yerrick, Ray Hover, Scott Morris, James Makowski, Jon Makowski, John Pollander, Clayton Budlong.

City Savings: Sean Carroll, Dennis Murphy, Jeff Livingston, Bill Tierney, Andy Livingston, John Watson.

Italian-American Club: Alex Lomoglia, Antony DeMartino, Scott Colbert, John Haddad, Peter Hagadorn.

MAY 3 1974

'Can she play ball?' Better believe it!

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

I disagree completely with Roger O'Gara's remarks throughout his Tuesday "Fair or Foul" column. To his headlined question: "Can she play ball?" — on behalf of girl athletes — my answer is an emphatic "Yes!" Yes, girls should be allowed to play ball; and yes, they physically can participate.

There are risks, but a girl who plays baseball realizes this. If she wants to play, it's a chance she'll have to take, just as boys do.

Yet, if she were good enough to make the Little League or Babe Ruth team, the odds are that she wouldn't get hurt needlessly.

But that's another point. Girls haven't had much luck in getting the chance to try out in the first place!

All we ask is that we do get that chance, and that people like Mr. O'Gara realize that there are girls who sincerely love sports such as baseball and who have the physical ability along with the desire, but not the chance or the public support.

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Little League plans softball for girls in Gt. Barrington

GREAT BARRINGTON — The local Little League yesterday announced plans to form a separate girls' softball league.

George Betros, president of the Great Barrington Little League, said that the girls' softball league will be the first of its kind in Berkshire County.

Betros said that a meeting will be held next Wednesday at 7 at the Brooks Insurance Agency Inc., 8 Castle St. to discuss formation of the lew league. Women interested in managing, coaching or umpiring should attend the meeting.

Adult interest needed

If enough adult interest is shown, league play will begin this summer, Betros said. Age limit and tryouts for girls, as well as potential playing fields, will be discussed at Wednesday's meeting.

Betros said that the softball league will be governed by the board of directors of the local Little League, which is affiliated with the national organization.

He added that guidelines sent by the national headquarters in Williamsport, Pa., will be followed in establishing the girls' softball league.

Betros said that the formation of the softball league was not prompted by any incidents of girls' wanting to play in the local Little League.

Girls playing baseball has been an issue recently in area towns. The president of the Southern Berkshire Babe Ruth League has barred two girls from playing with the Stockbridge entry in that league. Meanwhile, the South County Little League, which is not affiliated with the national organization, has decided to allow two girls to play on its New Marlborough team.

Girl and coach back in Milton Little League

MILTON, Mass. (AP) — An 11-year-old girl is back playing Little League baseball and her coach, fired for allowing her to play, has been reinstated.

Brenda Murphy drove in two runs with two doubles Saturday and threw two runners out for the final outs of the game, as her team, the Dependable Cleaners, beat the Milton Police team 7-4.

Her coach, Kevin Donaghue, had been fired by the Milton Little League board of directors for letting Brenda play in four previous games. Following the filing of a complaint by Brenda's parents with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination and the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, Donaghue was reinstated. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Murphy dropped their complaints.

Little League rules bar girls from playing. Little League headquarters in Williamsport, Pa., has directed that any manager or coach who allows girls to play should be fired, according to Dr. Daniel Bausch, manager of the Allston Braves. He defied the threat last week when he admitted Janet Bowe, 10, to the team.

Meanwhile, a group of parents completed registration in Allston Sunday for a rival league for boys and girls 8 to 12, called Lil League.

Patricia Hogan, one of the organizers, said 56 children have registered for the new league, all but five or six of them girls.

She said the league will play by Little League Rules. The first game is scheduled for May 29.

The nucleus of the new league, Mrs. Hogan said, is made up of four girls who were not allowed to play in Little League.

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Little League results

Bernardo's scored its first win of the season Thursday night by defeating Zayre's 9-6. Pete Kellar struck out 11 batters for the winners.

Glenn Barcher led Bernardo's attack with two doubles and a single. Dean DeCarlo and Jackie Henault had three hits apiece, including DeCarlo's second home run of the season.

In South Little League action Thursday night, Tank Shop defeated Stevenson 7-0. John Makonski was the winning pitcher.

Clayton Budlong and John Pollander had three hits each for the winners. John Chiaretta banged a pair of safeties for Stevenson.

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Little League will open its season tomorrow

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The Pittsfield Little League will open its season tomorrow afternoon with games at four parks. Twenty-eight teams are entered, with 420 boys, 9 to 12 years of age, competing. Approximately 100 adults are involved in directing the programs. Little League is supported primarily by local businesses and the annual candy sale.

The opening day programs, with listing of opponents and the honorary batteries, are as follows:

NORTH LEAGUE

Wahconah Park Little League Field

Ceremonies: 1:45 p.m.

Opening battery: Mayor Dobelle, pitching; Ward 7 Councilman Charles Smith, catching.

Opening day doubleheader: Stanleys vs. Fire Department, Zayre vs. Colt Insurance.

WEST LEAGUE

Clapp Park Little League Field

Ceremonies: 12:30 p.m.

Opening battery: Eastern League President Pat McKernan, pitching; Park Department, John Marchesi, catching.

Opening day doubleheader: Gull Oil vs. Civitan; Berkshire Vending Co. vs. Connor Pharmacy.

SOUTH LEAGUE

Deming Park Little League Field

Ceremonies: 12:30.

Opening pitcher: Mayor Dobelle

National anthem sung by Paul Nixon

Opening day triple header: City Savings Bank vs. East Side Cafe; Virgilio Construction vs. Magner's Drug; Stevenson Insurance vs. Italian - American Club.

EAST LEAGUE

Springside Park Little League Field

Ceremonies: 12:30.

Opening battery: Jay Garrity, St. Joseph's varsity; Rick Flynn, Pittsfield High varsity (both are former East League players)

Invocation: Father Cashin, director of CYC

Opening day: IUE-255 vs. Besse Clarke.

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Little League

Shaun McHugh led Virgilio Construction to a 10-2 win over City Savings Bank last night in the South Little League. He hit his second home run of the season and also had two doubles.

Shaun Daley picked up the win in relief. Bobby Flood had two hits for City Savings. Pat McGowan contributed two hits for Virgilio's.

In other games, the Police Department edged the Fire Department 5-4 in the North and Connor Pharmacy beat Monteleone Floors 9-1 in the West.

Sam Anello led the Police Department with two hits. Winning pitcher Kevin Beeler limited the Fire Department to four hits, and struck out nine. Tom Sherbin hit a bases-loaded triple for the Fire Department.

Tom Lloyd threw a two-hitter for Connor Pharmacy. Randy Talkowski made three hits for Connor, two singles and a double. Matt Halling, John Kozlowski, and Shaun Evans had two hits apiece for Connor.

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Little League results

IUE 255 overwhelmed Besse-Clarke, 15-8, in the opening game of the East Little League season on Sunday.

Bob Harrington of the winners struck out 10. He and Mike Torchia had two hits apiece for IUE 255. Tim Norton had a perfect day for Besse's with three for three. Mike Brodeur had a long double and a single for the losers.

Gulf Oil & Coal Co. defeated Civitan, 3-0, in the West Little Baseball League opener Sunday at Clapp Park.

Mike Hennessey, the winning pitcher, struck out 12. His opponent, Scott Tobler, fanned 11. Larry Zradi went two for two for the winners.

Mike Sweener stroked a three-run homer and struck out 14 as he hit and pitched the Big N past the Eagles for a 10-4 victory in the West League last night. Sweener, Jay Cassella and Theron Goodrich all had two hits for the winners. Cris Trembly and Tom Trottier had two apiece for the Eagles.

Tony Marcella had two doubles and a single and John Pollander picked up the win as Tank Shop beat M & W Heating in the South League 9-4.

The defending city Little League champion Elks Club opened its 1974 season in the North League with a 5-3 win over Bernardo's Variety. Ray Sharow was the winning pitcher, while Glenn Garcher took the loss. Mike Winston paced the winners with two hits and two runs batted in.

On Sunday, the South League started its season with a 9-3 City Savings Bank victory over Eastside Pizza. Rob Flood tossed a three-hitter and Andy Livingston collected two hits for the bankers.

A two-run homer by Shaun McHugh broke a 1-1 tie in the 11th inning to lead Virgilio Construction past Magners 4-1 Sunday in the South. The losers' Dave Luscier threw a one-hitter for the first six innings.

The third game of the South Sunday tripleheader saw Stevenson Insurance blank Itam 1-0 behind the four-hit pitching of Dan Regan. The Stevenson run came on a single by Gary Pignone which knocked in Joe Melle who had doubled.

Friday night in the East League, H & R Block won its second game of the season with a 16-14 verdict over Dalton Ave. Variety. Paul Procopio had two hits for Dalton.

A Burger Chef scored five runs in the eighth inning of an extra inning East league game last night to defeat General Electric 10-5. Jogn Patella and Mike Wehry led the winning 13-hit attack with three safeties each. Rick Belair hit the first home run of the league season for the losers, and teammate John Brezniak struck out 12.

Lee Nesbit was the winning pitcher in relief. He sent the game into extra innings with a two-out clutch single in the sixth.

Little League results

Colt Insurance outlasted Stanley's Grill in a 16-10 North league slugfest last night. John Brown was the winner in relief for the Colts, while Tony Ferraro took the loss. Al Pires led the winners with three hits and George Nardin had a three-run triple and Gary Hodlin collected three hits for Stanley's.

Eastside Pizza flattened Magner's Drug Store 14-2 in South circuit action last night. Phil Hooker held Magner's in check with a one-hitter, while Doran Guillou contributed a three-run double to pace the Pizzas. Jeff Cimini had the only hit for the Drugs.

Jon Koscher and Mike Shiner gave McDonald's a break Tuesday in the East LL, leading the McBurgers to a 9-5 verdict over Pittsfield Pipers.

Koscher fanned nine on the way to the pitching win. Shiner went 3 for 4 at the plate, including a two-run double. Ted Boraski and Tim Coakley had two hits apiece for the Pipers, one of Boraski's numbers an inside-the-park home run. Tony Teti was the losing pitcher.

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Barbara Van Nice

WITH A WINCE and a mighty swing, this Adams Lassie League softball player hits air. The softball is in the Adams Super Market catcher's glove. Adams Super Market team defeated the girls on the Adams-Cheshire Teachers Association (ACTA) team 20-12 in the league's opening game Monday.

Adams Lassie League has debut

By Barbara Van Nice

ADAMS — The first inning of the Adams Lassie League's opening softball game lasted 35 minutes Monday afternoon, but the players and spectators delighted in it.

Selectmen Joseph R. Dean Jr., Joseph F. Banas and Earl F. Kelley threw out the first few pitches. According to one observer, they had more trouble getting the ball over the plate than the girls had hitting.

An hour and 45 minutes — seven innings — later, the Adams Super Market squad of 10- to 14-year-olds left the Valley Street field victorious, having tromped the ACTA (Adams-Cheshire Teachers Association) team 20 to 12.

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In training only two weeks, the girls sometimes showed more enthusiasm then skill in their efforts to catch crazily hopping grounders, to swat at high-lob pitches, or to relay balls in from the outfield.

But others showed talent equal to if not better than that of some boys their age and slugged the ball to the outfield, pitched some fine strikes and made good fielding plays.

Bundled up against the weather, parents brought lawn chairs and Thermoses of coffee. "Atta girl" replaced the Little League's "Atta boy," and "hustle" sounded like female versions of traditional all-male baseball commands.

One father, wearing a baseball cap and windbreaker, hovered near first base, where his daughter was positioned. After muffing a few catches, she asked him to move because his advice to "watch it coming" was making her nervous. He retired to the crowd.

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The League's season runs until mid-July, when an all-star team is to be chosen. The all-star team, if successful, can go on the regional, state and national championships. The league here has eight of the 88 Lassie League teams in the state.

The league, which is affiliated with the American Softball Association, formed here about a month ago. It was the brainchild of Margaret Leavitt, an Adams Memorial Junior High School physical education teacher, and Joseph B. Doyle, Adams-Cheshire Regional School District athletic director.

Mrs. Leavitt, who heads the league, said it was established "mainly to give the girls a chance to play ball like the boys play Little League."

Asked if its formation had anything to do with a possibility that girls wanted to join the local Little League, she answered, "I think, in part, yes . . . to try to stem off any girls who might be interested in Little League."

Doyle said the Little Leagues here "haven't had any pressure from girls yet." Asked what would happen if a boy wanted to join the girls' league, he said the boy would probably be sent to the Little League instead.

"This gives more girls more participation and it gives more boys more participation in their own league," Doyle said.

More than 150 girls, most from Adams and some from Cheshire and Savoy, signed up and are on eight teams sponsored by local businesses, such as McKinley Square Pharmacy, and organizations such as ACTA and the Lions Club. When the league formed, only four teams were expected.

Teams have at least 17 members and, by association rules, each girl must play at least three innings of each seven-inning game. On paper, Doyle said, the teams are equal because the girls were grouped into mixtures of skill levels.

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At the high school level, Hoosac Valley girls have asked that their two-year-old softball club be allowed to become a varsity team. The regional school committee recently deferred action until June to see if leftover money in the budget will be enough to cover a coach's stipend for next year.

However, one board member, Joseph A. Wilk of Cheshire, has said he would like to hold off at least two years the granting of varsity status to the team.

He said an incident, which he did not reveal, on a softball club bus ride last year persuaded him that the girls on the team are immature and that the team should wait until the offender is out of school.

Other board members, however, contended that one girl's actions should not jeopardize an entire team's opportunity. Doyle said that the one girl involved was disciplined.

Meanwhile, some club members are circulating petitions in support of varsity status for the team.

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Little League results

Besse-Clarke defeated Burger Chef 11-6 Thrisday and Credit Union downed Moldmaster 12-3 Wednesday in East Little League action.

Matt O'Brian drove in three runs for Besse's. Ed Burt and Ron Wojick did the pitching for the victors. Leo Nesbit with three hits and John Patella and Don White with two each paced the losers.

Steve Harris pitched well for Credit Union, striking out 10. John Tagliente led the winners with two hits and three runs batted in. Chuck Burnick with three safeties and two RBIs and Blaise Marano with two hits were best for Moldmaster.

On Saturday the Elks defeated the Police Department, 15-2, in Little League play. Ray Charron hammered two home runs, had three hits and seven runs batted in. He also was the winning pitcher. Mark Lacy was charged with the loss. Mike Winston had four hits for the winners. John Mazzer led the Police with two hits.

Yesterday Bernardo's defeated Colt Insurance 8-5. Glenn Barcher and Pete Kellar led the winners with three hits apiece. Barcher was the winning pitcher. Losing pitcher Alex Pires had two hits.

Police Department handed Stanley's its third straight loss yesterday, winning 7-3. Winning pitcher Kevin Beeler struck out 10. At bat he had two hits, as did Brian Pigott and Sam Anello. Pete Kavey, who took the loss, also had two hits. Stanley's George Nardin had a triple and single.

In West LL action yesterday Eagles defeated Berkshire Vending 6-4. Jim Izzo had the winning hit, driving in two runs. Winning pitcher was Bob Sokolowski. Loser was Dave Bednarscyk.

Gull Oil blanked Connor Pharmacy 10-0. Winning pitcher was Rocky Daley. Losing hurler was Tom Lloyd.

Little League results

Zayre trounced Stanley's 22-4 last night in a North Little League game. Winning pitcher Jim Brown banged out four hits as did his teammates Dean DeCarlo and Gary Symanski. One of DeCarlo's hits was his third home run of the season. Losing pitcher Danny Trumbull was the only Stanley player with two hits.

In a game played last week Stevenson defeated City Savings 6-1. Winning pitcher Dan Regan clouted two doubles. John Augenstein of Stevenson's and Andy Livingston of City Savings each had two hits.

Rod Griffith tossed a two-hitter and John Brezniak and Rick Belair stroked back-to-back homers to lead GE Credit Union to a 6-0 win over IUE 255 Tuesday.

Brezniak had three hits for the winners and teammate Steve Harris had two. Joe Consolini and Tim Luftus accounted for the IUE hits.

Ted Boreski threw a two-hitter, but John Patella happened to hurl a no-hitter last night in the East LL as Burger Chef defeated Pittsfield Pipers 5-0.

Patella struck out 13 and walked only three en route to his gem. Boreski also fanned 13 but issued eight free passes. The no-hitter was the first in the East LL this year.

Both of the Burger hits drove in runs; Gene Sala had a double and knocked in a run, while Mike Wehry had a two-run single.

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Little League results

In the South League last night Magner's came back from a five-run deficit to defeat M&W Heating 8-5. Steve Moynihan picked up the win in relief. Shane Reagan with three hits and Dave Luscier with two doubles led the winners' hitting attack. Andy Hubregson led M&W with two hits.

Bernardo's beat the Police Department, 15-3, in a North League game. John Howe ripped three doubles and winning pitcher Pete Kellar rapped three hits and fanned 11. Kevin Beeler led the Police with three hits. Losing pitcher was Mark Lacy.

In the West League, the Eagles topped Connor Pharmacy 9-4. Winning pitcher was Jim Izzo. Bob Sokolowski and Chris Tremblay paced the Eagles with two hits apiece. Tom Lloyd and Randy Taikowski of Connor's each had two safeties.

Dan Anello and Jon Koscher collaborated on a one-hitter Thursday night as their McDonald's team scored a 7-6 East Little League victory over Besse-Clarke.

Extra-base hits by Anello and Kevin Jester drove in four of the winners' runs. Tim Noonan had a pair of RBIs on a single, the only hit by Besse's.

In West Little League action Friday, Big N shut out Berkshire Vending Co., 4-0. Steve Messina, who gave up only four hits, got the win, and Mike Daly, who likewise allowed but five hits, got the loss. Messina chalked up three hits, and scored two of the four Big N runs. The hits were split up evenly for Berkshire Vending.

Little League

Ted Boraski threw a two-hitter and walked five, but Tim Loftus tossed a four-hitter, walked only one and struck out 10 as well in an IUE-Local-255 win over Pittsfield Pipers 3-2 Saturday in the East LL.

Bob Harrington and Charlie Garwin had the only Local hits, while John Powers collected two hits and Boraski and Paul DiTamasso had one each for the Pipers.

On Sunday in the East, rival pitchers Jeff Andras and Jon Koscher allowed a total of seven hits, but that didn't prevent a free-swinging contest as Moldmasters edged McDonald's 12-11. Tim Dwyer led the Plasticmen with two doubles and four runs batted in.

M&W Heating defeated Italian-American, 4-3, Saturday in East Little League action. Glen Civello picked up the win in relief. Mark Filiault led the winners with two hits, and teammates Darryn Kennedy and Jack Eisen each had an extra-base hit.

Three games were played Sunday in the South League. Magner's defeated Stevenson, 9-1, behind the two-hit pitching of Dave Luscier. Luscier helped his cause by contributing a home run and two doubles. Shane Regan and Steve Moynihan also hit well for Magner's.

In the second game Tank Shop downed Vergilio's 8-4. John Makowski registered his second victory. Andy Amuso led the winners with a triple and single. For Vergilio's, Shaun McHugh had three hits and Pat McGowan and Ed Fox, two hits apiece. One of McHugh's hits was a home run, his third in as many days.

In the third game Eastside Pizza came from behind to edge IAC 9-8. Ricky Lees picked up his first victory of the season. Dean DiMassimo and Greg Otto each had two hits for the winners. Nate Hines and Mario Castagna, each had two hits for IAC.

City Savings defeated M&W, 6-3, behind the six-hit pitching of Mark Morgan. Tom and Dennis Murphy were the leading hitters for the winners. Andy Hubregson and Glenn Civello led M&W with to hits apiece.

Eastside Pizza topped the Tank Shop, 11-9, last night. Phil Hooker won his second victory of the season. Jim Cobb, Doran Guilbu, Greg Otto and Phil Hooker each had two hits for the winners. For Tank Shop Andy Amuso hammered a triple and Clay Budlong had two singles.

In the North Little League last night Fire Department topped the Elks 10-3. It was the first defeat in 21 games for the Elks. Gerald Gagliardi with three hits and John Porter with two led the Firemen's attack. Billy Clark of the Elks had two hits. Winning pitcher was Shaun Morin. Ray Charrow was charged with the loss.

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Little League

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Colt Insurance handed Stanley's their fifth straight loss of the season yesterday in the North Little League. In the second game of a doubleheader, Police Department defeated the Fire Department 6-2.

Joe Pivero ripped three hits and Jim Brown of Colt Insurance struck out six batters. Brown yielded but six hits. Winning pitcher John Mazur had three hits for the Police Department. Kevin Beeler, Brian Piggott, Sam Anello and Mark Lacy had two hits for the Police Department.

In South League action Friday night, IAC defeated Virgilio's 12-9. Rick Hebert picked up the win on a six-hitter. Hebert also had two doubles and a single. Ernie Whiton and Mark Carnevale hit well for Virgilio's.

In South League games yesterday, Tank Shop beat City Savings 4-0, Magner's walloped IAC 14-5 and Virgilio's crushed M & W Heating 19-0.

Jon Makowski pitched a fine one-hitter for Tank Shop, and struck out 14. Makowski and John Pollander had two hits apiece for the winners. Tom Murphy had the only hit for City Savings.

Steve Moynahan threw a four-hitter for Magner's. Jeff Cimini, Dave Luscier and Shane Reagan made two hits each for Magner's. One of Reagan's was a three-run homer. Rick Hebert had two hits for IAC.

Peter Trahanas tossed a two-hitter for Virgilio's. Shaun McHugh walloped two homers. One was a grand slam. Pat McGowan and Shaun Daley had two hits each for Virgilio's. Mark Filiault had a double for M & W Heating.

Little League

Tim Loftus threw a no-hitter and struck out 12 in pitching his IUE East Little League team to an 8-0 triumph over Moldmasters. Hard-luck loser Tim Dwyer allowed only three hits and fanned seven.

Joe Consolini was the IUE batting star with two doubles and two runs driven in.

Steve Messina lofted a sacrifice fly that allowed teammate Kevin Standard to score the final and deciding run of the Big N's four-run, last-inning rally last night as the Ns beat Connor's Pharmacy 6-5 in the West League.

Mike Sweener had a two-run homer and Jay Casella was the winning pitcher for the Big N. Tom Lloyd was the loser.

In other West action over the weekend, the Ns dumped Civitan 7-6 in eight innings on Saturday. Sweener was the winner and Marcel Blouin took the loss. A double by Colin Gallup knocked in the deciding run. On Sunday, a three-hit day by Mark Ringie paced the Gull Oilers to a 10-2 rout of the Berkshire Venders. Rocky Daley posted the win, while Dave Bednarzcyk had the loss.

On the Southern circuit, Eastside Pizza edged Stevenson Insurance 5-4 last night in a free-swinging affair. Dean DiMassimo led the Pizza with three hits, while Jim Cobb and Tom Patricelli of Eastside and Joe Melle, John Chiretta, Gary Pignone and Brian McHugh each had two hits for Stevenson.

In the North, the Elks took sole possession of first place with a 5-2 victory over Bernardo's Variety. Ray Charow had a pair of hits and Jim Greenleaf was the winning hurler for the Elks. Pete Keller suffered the setback.

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Little League

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Dave Luscier threw a no-hitter for Magner's in a 7-3 win over City Savings Bank last night in the South Little League. Al Bradley had three hits for the winners. Tom Murphy and Rob Flood played well for the losers.

In the West League, the Eagles edged Civitan 3-2 in eight innings. In the North League, Colt Insurance turned back Zayre 10-3.

Jim Izzo got the win in the West League game in relief of Bob Sokolowski. Marcel Blowin was the loser in relief of Scott Tobler.

The game was decided in the bottom of the eighth when Chris Tremblay doubled and then scored on Bud Garzone's single.

Blowin had three doubles for Civitan.

Dominick Ferra and Joe Pivero had three hits each for Colt's. Pivero also was the winning pitcher. Steve Rivers and Brad Disch had two hits apiece for Zayre's. Jim Brown took the loss.

Moldmaster defeated Besse-Clarke 15-10 last night, and GE beat the Pittsfield Pipers 11-10 Sunday in East Little League games.

Blaise Marano, Gary Burchard and Jeff Andras hit hard for Moldmaster. Dave Burt and Tom Noonan were best for Besse-Clarke.

Ted Boraski of the Pipers hit a grand-slam homer. The winners were led by Steve Harris and Rick Belair. Harris picked up the win in relief.

Little League

Stanley's won its first game of the season by edging Fire Department, 12-11, last night in the North Little League.

Shaun Northrup drove in the winning runs for Stanley's with a double. Gary Hodlin had two hits for the winners. Andy Woijtkowski pitched strongly in relief for Stanley's and received credit for the win.

Mark Petruzella drilled four hits, John Porter three for the Fire Department. Gerald Gagliardi took the loss in relief.

In the West Little League, Big N beat Gulf Oil 10-7. Mike Sweener got the win, and also was the batting star with four hits. He struck out 12 batters.

Rocky Daley and Paul Penna each had two hits for Gull. Mike Hennessy was the losing pitcher.

IAC walloped the Tank Shop, 13-4, in the South Little League. Rick Hebert was the all-around star. He pitched a four-hitter, and had a grand slam homer and a single. Nello Salvitti had two singles for IAC; Tony Marcella two singles for Tank Shop.

Tim Loftus and Charlie Gavin collaborated on a four hitter for IUE 255 as their club trounced Burger Chef, 19-1, in the East circuit. Steve Joseph and Dave Fiorini led the IUE attack with three hits each. Gene Sala went two for two for the losers. Don White was the losing hurler.

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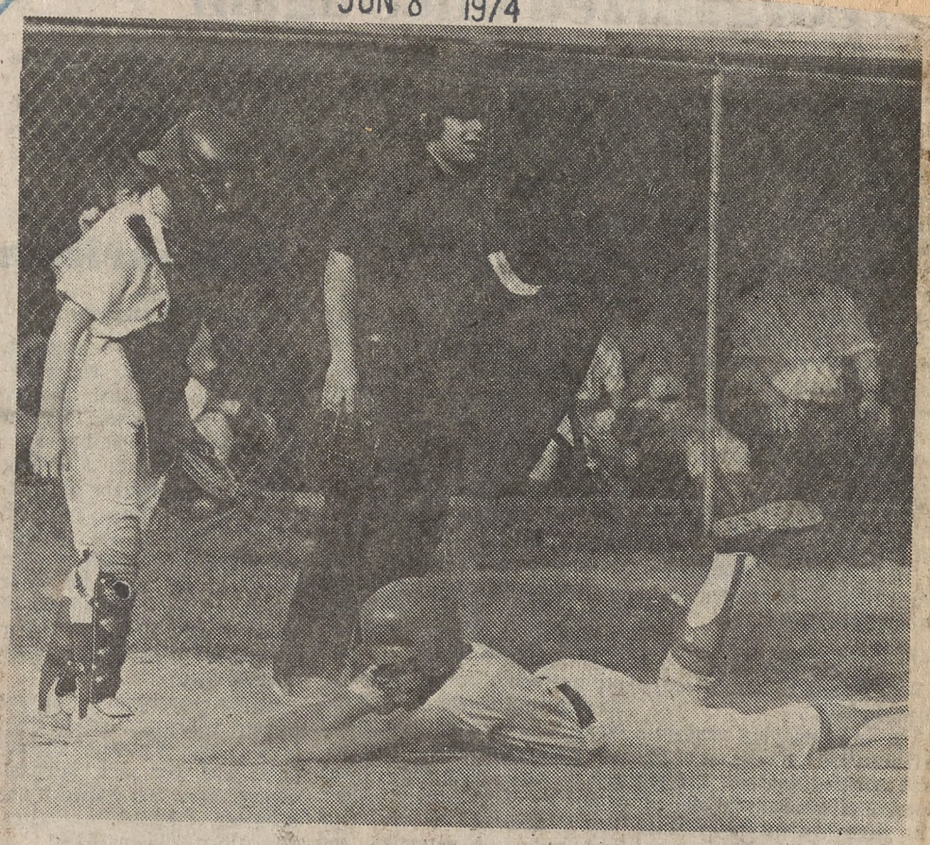
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Little League slates candy sale tomorrow

The Pittsfield Little League will conduct their annual candy sale on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The boys will be in their team uniforms and will be transported by volunteer drivers.

The candy sale, together with the sponsors' fees, is the main source of income for the Little League. Proceeds are used to help defray cost of all the equipment needed by the teams. Because of the candy sale, Pittsfield Little League has been able to keep the sponsors' fees at the same level for the past 15 years.

JUN 8 1974



Playing Safe

Base runner slides over home plate during Little League game between Burger Chef and IUE 255 on the Victory Hill field. Catcher and umpire are oblivious to runner. They're trying to locate ball.

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Little League

Dan Regan spun a one-hitter, Gary Pignone collected three hits and Brian McHugh stroked his first home run of the season yesterday as Stevenson Insurance tore down Virgilio's Construction 6-0 in the South League. Pete Trahanas had the only hit for Virgilio's.

In a second game yesterday in the South, the Italian Americans Club whipped City Savings 7-2 behind the three-hit pitching of Rick DiOrio. Mike Brennan paced the IAC attack with two hits.

Friday night down South, Eastside Pizza edged Virgilio's 8-6. Phil Hooker picked up the win and Dean DiMassimo and Gary Bianchi had two hits each for the victors. Pete Giardino had two hits for Virgilio's.

Bob Harrington pitched a no-hitter for 4⅔ innings before he permitted a scratch single by Mike Shiner in the East Little League game Saturday as IUE 255 defeated McDonald's 7-5. Charley Gauvin and Joe Consolini banged out two hits each for the winners. Kevin Dupont's catch of a long fly ball highlighted the defense for McDonald's. Harrington was the winner, and Jon Koscher was charged with the loss.

Burger Chef came up with three runs in the top of the 10th for a 13-10 win over McDonald's Saturday in the East Little League. It was a game suspended from Monday night. Gene Sala got the big hit for Burger Chef — a two-run single. Don White, Sala, and John Patella, who also was the winning pitcher, had three hits each for the winners. Dan Anello was four, for six for McDonald's. Mike Shiner was the loser.

Little League

In the East loop last night Eastside Pizza shelled M & W Heating 18-10 at Deming Field. Doran Guillou with three hits and Jim Cobb, Greg Otto and Dean DiMassimo with two apiece led the winning offense. Mark Filiault was M & W's standout player.

John Patella fired a three-hitter, and also banged a three-run homer to lead Burger Chef to a 19-1 rout of Moldmaster last night in the East Little League. Gene Sala was the other heavy hitter for Burger Chef with a four for four night, two RBIs and three doubles. Burger Chef had 11 hits, and received 20 bases on balls. Tim Dwyer had two of the three hits for Moldmaster.

Tom Lloyd fired a one-hitter past Gull Oil last night as O'Connor Pharmacy defeated the Gulls 9-3 in the West League.

Mark McInerney paced the winners at the plate with three hits. Rocky Daley had the Gulls' only hit.

Flynn's Pharmacy converted five hits into three runs Saturday afternoon in the South League to defeat Civitan 3-1 at Williams Field.

Doubles by John Kordana, Phil Landa and Jim Magri knocked in all of the Flynn runs. Kordana and Landa combined for the pitching win.

Bill Burke doubled to break a (are you ready?) 27-27 tie Sunday and lead Royal Plating to a 38-28 victory over Tire Town in the West League.

Don Holing, Tom Wright and Ben Antonangle headed up the free-swinging affair for the winners with four hits apiece. Tire Town's Gordy Dillard had two doubles and a single. The clutch-hitting Burke teamed with Brian Casey for the mound win.

JUN 11 1974

Little League

The Tank Shop rallied for three runs in the seventh inning yesterday to overtake Magners Drug Store and win the South League contest 5-4.

A two-run triple by Tony Marcella and run-scoring infield single by P.J. Yerrick knocked in the winning runs for the Tanks, who finally got to Magner's pitcher Dave Luscier who has posted 13 strikeouts through six innings. Shane Reagan had three hits for the losers.

Elks pitcher Ray Charon helped himself with his third home run of the season yesterday to lead his team past Zayre 10-4 in the North League. He and Mike Winston had two hits for the Elks. Losing hurler Dean DeCarlo had two hits for Zayres.

In the West League yesterday, Bob Sokolowski allowed just six hits as the Eagles put Berkshire Vending out of order 9-5. Chris Trembley, John Farrell and Ed Therion all had two hits for the winners. Chris Neary had a pair of safties for the Vendors.

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Ruling on girls in baseball comes too late for '74

JUN 13 1974

"We'll have to abide by it, but it will be next year before they actually play," said John C. Marchesi in commenting on the national Little League's announcement yesterday that girls henceforth will be eligible to play.

Marchesi is assistant district administrator and secretary-treasurer of the Pittsfield Little Leage. He said that it "is too late to do anything about it" this year, because all of the leagues in the area began play on May 26.

He said registration this year failed to produce any girls, but added, "There were a few two years ago."

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Little League moves to allow girls to play ball with boys

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP)— Women have broken another sex barrier—Little League baseball.

If a gal can play shortstop better than she knits or cooks, there is a place for her in Little League's 9,100 leagues.

It all happened Wednesday when Little League Baseball, Inc., announced that because of "the changing social climate" girls can play on its teams.

The announcement was made by the organization's board and the trustee of the Little League Foundation, headquartered here.

The new policy is effective immediately.

The board said it has petitioned the U.S. House Judiciary Committee to introduce appropriate legislation to amend Little League's federal charter under which it has operated since 1964.

The decision should end the numerous actions in American courts seeking to break Little League's sex barrier.

In a statement issued by Peter J. McGovern, board chairman and chief executive, the Little League said: "In reaching a decision on an issue of landmark significance, the board has taken the position that it would be imprudent for an organization as large and universally respected as ... Little League Baseball to allow itself to become embroiled in a public controversy. Implication that the program is unwilling to change or incompetent to solve its own problems is simply not true. ..."

Whether girls play would depend on managers and coaches of individual teams, the statement said. "The girls would have to prove equal competency in baseball skills, physical endowments and other attributes scaled as a basis for team selection."

McGovern said acceptance and screening of young girls should be done locally, and "in good faith and without prejudice."

He urged settlement of local squabbles by civil rights or human relations hearings.

Such groups as the National Organization for Women (NOW) and the American Civil Liberties Union have challenged the Little League in courts of nearly a dozen states.

The Little League began in 1939 in Williamsport with three teams and has grown to 9,100 leagues for 2.5 million youngsters in 31 nations. It is a private corporation operating under a federal charter. It has steadfastly opposed the sexual integration of its baseball program.

A New Jersey appeals court ruled in March that state Little League teams must let girls play. About a week later, the executive board of Little League, Inc., voted to appeal the ruling to the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Little League officials have attacked the female challenge on two fronts—legality and the safety and psychological needs of children.

Based on a decision in November 1973 of its Civil Rights Division, New Jersey became the first state to order Little League baseball teams to permit girls to play.

Later, Martha W. Griffins, D-Mich., said she planned to introduce legislation to amend the Little League charter to include the words "and girls."

McGovern said the 35-year-old Little League also would retain its separate and optional program for girls of Little League age. The Little League now has a program for 50,000 girls in the United States.

Little League results

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In North League action Thursday the Police Department rolled past Stanley's 13-2. Kevin Beeler, Brian Pigott, John Mazzer and Billy Lake led the Police with three hits each. Jim Hassett and George Nardin had two each for Stanley's.

Mazzer was the winning pitcher and Andy Wojtkowski was charged with the loss.

Virgilio's was a 16-8 victor over Magner's Thursday in the South circuit. Winning hurler Shaun McHugh, Shaun Daley and Ernie White had two hits each and Ed Fox sparked Virgilio's with three safeties. Shane Reagan of Magner's was the batting star of the contest with three hits including a pair of home runs.

JUN 19 1974

Little League

Bernardo's took first place in the North Little League last night by beating Stanley's 9-0.

Rick Muprhy was the all-round star for the winners. He pitched a five-hitter and led the attack with a pair of triples.

John Jones had two hits for the losers. Jim Hassett was charged with the loss.

McDonald's scored six times in the opening inning en route to its 6-2 win over Besse-Clarke in the East League Tuesday. Jon Koscher's eight-strikeout pitching and Dave Kordana's hitting led the way. Tim Noonan hit a homer and Tom LaGrotteria had two hits for Besse's.

JUN 17 1974

Little League

Fire Department nipped the Elks for the second time this season, 9-7 Friday. Shaun Morin went the distance to pick up a nine-strikeout win in the North League game. Mike Winston, Bob Hebert, and Ray Charow had two hits each for the losers.

Scott Stanton's two hits paced a well-balanced Connor Pharmacy attack in its 10-7 win over the Eagles Saturday in the West League. George Harrison was the winner. Chris Trembly led the losers with three hits.

Rick Hebert slammed two home runs to lead Italian American Club to an 8-5 win over Stevenson's in the East League Saturday. Nello Salvitti banged out four hits for the winners, and John Chiaretta and Dave Lavigne, two each for the losers.

Pittsfield Pipers thumped Moldmaster 17-4 behind Tim Coakley Saturday in the East League. Chuck Burnick led the losers with three hits including a triple. Pipers Ted Boraski and John Powers had two hits apiece.

Eastside won its sixth straight game by belting City Savings 7-1 Saturday in the East League. Phil Hooker threw a three-hitter, and Greg Otto had three hits himself. Bobby O'Hearn and Denny Murphy led the Bankers.

Little League

In a rain-shortened South game Sunday, Magner's edged Eastside 4-2 as Steve Moynahan permitted just two hits. Shane Reagan hit a home run and a single for the winners.

Tank Shop walloped Stevensor 9-2 Sunday in the South League. John Makowski hurled a two-hitter. Tim Alabosek, John Pollander, Tony Marcella, and Mark Yerrick had two safeties each for TK.

Colt Insurance tripped Elks 6-4 Monday despite an 11-strikeout performance by Ray Charow of Elks. Al Pires hit a home run and combined with John Brown in pitching effectiveness. Don Fera chipped in with two hits in the North contest.

In the South Little League Monday, CSB downed Virgilio's 12-8 on a five-hitter by Andy Livingston. Denny and Tom Murphy and Bob O'Hearn of the winners and Eddie Elias, Pat McGavan and Shaun McHugh of the Engineers played well.

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Andy Amuso hurled a four-hitter and rapped two hits himself to lead Tank Shop to a 4-2 victory over Virgilio's in the South LL Friday. John Pollander of TK, Ed Fox and Rick Stracuzzi also were two-hit players.

The Italian American Club's Richie DiOrio tossed a four-hitter in blanking M&W Heating 8-0 Saturday in the South LL. Nate Hine and Chris Tierney with a triple and double keyed the offense. Mark Filiault had three hits for the Heaters.

Big N swept two games over the weekend as Mike Sweener and Theron Goodrich had six hits apiece. Sweener rapped two homers. Winning pitchers were Jay Casella, 8-4 over Civitan, and Steve Messina, 18-4 over Monteleone Tile. Dave Farley, John White and Tim Martin of the losing teams had two hits each.

Fire Department, with Luke Smith rapping three hits and Shaun Morin pitching, beat Bernardo's 7-3 Sunday to cause a three-man tie for first place in the North LL. Bernardo's, Elks, and Colt Insurance all had 7-3 records.

Gary Symanski and Dean DeCarlo had three hits each to lead Zayre to a 10-6 win over Police Department. DeCarlo drilled his eighth home run of the season. Kevin Beeler had three safeties for the Police.

Steve Moynahan twirled a two-hitter as Magner's walloped M&W 9-1 in the South LL Sunday. Back-to-back doubles by Moynihan and Jeff Cimini were the big hits.

Mark Morgan's double plated Teddy Isabel with the deciding run as City Savings edged Stevenson's 5-4 Sunday in the South LL. Andy Livingston's four-hit pitching led the team to its third win in a row. Mark Billow had three of the hits.

In the first half playoff game in the South LL Sunday, Tank Shop defeated Eastside 11-2. John Makowski pitched a 2-hitter, and P. J. Yerrick had three hits and Timmy Alabosak and Clayton Budlong two. Jim Cobb, Greg Otto, Tom Patricelli and Dave Cancilla played well for Eastside.

JUN 25 1974

Little League

Ray Charow had a sensational game for the Elks in their 22-8 North LL win over Stanley's Monday night. Charow connected for two grand slam home runs. The round-trippers were his fourth and fifth of the season. He was also the winning pitcher.

Mike Winston and Bob Hebert had three hits each for Elks. Gary Hodlin and Jim Hassett had two safeties each for Stan's.

Little League Results

Zayre put out the Fire Department, 4-3, yesterday in the North Little League behind the five-hit pitching of T. J. Nash. Jackie Henault had three hits for the winners.

Saturday in the NLL, Bernardo's pushed across two runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to shade Stanley's 10-9. Glenn Decker was the winning pitcher and Andy Woijkowski took the loss.

In a South League triple-header yesterday at Deming Field, City Savings whipped Magner's, 7-2, behind the pitching of Andy Livingston and Mark Morgan; Virgilio's knocked off Eastside Pizza, 3-1, as Shaun McHugh twirled a four-hitter and hit two doubles and a single; and M&W Heating belted Stevenson Insurance, 11-7, with pitching and batting help from Joe Melle.

In other SLL activity, the Tank Shop beat City Savings, 6-4, on Saturday with P. J. Yerrick's grand slam in the seventh inning deciding. On Friday, Virgilio's whalloped M&W, 13-6, with Pete Trahanas taking the win in relief.

Yesterday in the West LL, the Big N needed extra innings to beat the Eagles 3-2. The Bigs won it in the seventh with Theron Goodrich doubling home Mike Sweener.

IUE Local 255, which finished the first half of the East Little League season in a first-place tie with GE Credit Union, opened up the second half of the summer campaign yesterday with a 7-3 beating of Besse-Clarke. Joe Consolini fired a three-hitter for the Local and had two hits.

Saturday, GE Credit Union closed out the first-half schedule by matching Local 255's 8-2 record when Rick Belair and Roddy Griffith combined for a no-hitter and 7-1 win over Besse-Clarke.

A playoff game will be set up between Local 255 and GE Credit to determine the first-half winner. Burger Chef finished the half with a 6-4 record; Pittsfield Pipers, with 5-5, McDonald's, 4-6, and Besse-Clarke and Moldmasters, 2-8.

Last Thursday night in the ELL, Burger Chef defeated Moldmasters 16-14.

JUL 1 1974

Little League results

A five-run fourth inning carried Colt Insurance to an 8-6 North Little League win over the Police Department last night at Wahconah Field. Joe Pivero drove in the winning runs with his third home run of the season. He also had a double. Rob Mickle had two hits for the victors. Alex Pires was the winning pitcher.

Brian Pigott led the police with three safeties. Kevin Beeler took the loss.

In the East Little League last night East Side turned back Stevenson, 5-3, behind the hurling of Jimmy Cobb. Cobb, David Cancilla, Greg Otto and Tom Patricelli had two hits each for East Side. Dave Lavigne, Dan Regan and Brian McHugh were the insurance team standouts.

Connor Pharmacy defeated Berkshire Vending, 8-1, Wednesday in the West Little League. George Harrison was the winning pitcher and Mike Daly was the loser. Pharmacy had four hits and Berkshire Vending three with no player getting more than one.

Last night in the West loop Gull Oil & Coal walloped the Eagles 17-2. Rocky Daley pitched the win and Jimmy Izzo was charged with the loss. Paul Penna . and Mark Gifford sparked the victors with three hits each and Bob Sokolowski, Bud Garzone and Chris Trembly rapped two apiece for the losers.

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JUL 3 1974

West LL picks stars

West Little League officials have picked the all-star team that will defend its Berkshire County title in the coming playoffs.

Mike Messina and Wayne Goodrich will coach the squad, which has four members of the Big N team — Mike Sweener, Theron Goodrich, Steve Messina and Jay Casella.

Others named are Mike Hennessey, Paul Penna, Mark Ringie and Rocky Daley of Gull Oil; Bob Sokolowski and Chris Trembly of the Eagles; Scott Tobler and Marcel Blouin of Civitan; Dave Bednarczyk of Berkshire Bending; and Ranyd Taikowski of Connor Pharmacy.

Last year's West team lost to Northampton in the Western Mass. playoff game.

JUL 5 1974

Little League

Mike Sweener hit a home run in the seventh to give Big N a 5-4 win over Gull Oil in the West LL last night. The round-tripper was Sweener's seventh of the year and second of the game. He drove in four of his team's five runs. Steve Messina was the winning pitcher, although Mike Hennessey struck out 11 batters earlier in the game. Mark Gifford had two hits for Gull.

In the South LL, Virgilio's topped Stevenson Insurance 7-4. Pete Trahanas was the winning pitcher. Pat McGowan and Shaun McHugh had two hits each. Dan Regan, Dave Lavigne, and Gary Pignone played well for the losers.

Bernardo's scored seven runs in the fifth to overcome the Police Department 12-6 in the North LL last night. Rick Murphy and Tony Wojtkowski of Bernardo's and Billy Lake of the Police had two hits. Glenn Barcher went the distance for the win.

John Patella fired a two-hitter and struck out 15, and Gene Sala had three straight hits as Burger Chef served a 10-1 beating to GE Credit Union in the East LL Tuesday night. John Brezniak and Rick Belair had the Creditors' hits.

Despite two home runs and a double by Scott Morin of Fahey Beverages, Bill Sable's pounded out a 12-7 victory in the North Minor Tuesday. Pat Laughran was the winning pitcher. John Gleason and Pete Sykes had three hits each for Sable's. Joe Taylor had three for the losers.

Civitan beat Berkshire Vending 5-1 behind the 12-strikeout pitching of Scott Tobler in a West LL game Monday. Tobler threw a two-hitter, one of which was Mike Daly's double.

Little League results

Mike Sweener and John Dooley had three hits each as Big N beat Monteleone Tile 14-8 Saturday in the West. Rusty Short had two hits for the losers.

Gull Oil topped Berkshire Vending 6-5 in an extra inning Monday. Two-hit men in the West League games were Mike Dooley and Rocky Daly of the winners and Chris Neary and Mike Daley of the losers.

Civitan used a 5-run fourth inning to edge Connor Pharmacy 5-4 Wednesday. Marcel Blouin was the leading batsman with three hits. Randy Taikowski and Matt Halling had two for the losers.

Dave Luscier pitched a three-hitter and cracked two doubles in leading Magner's to a 6-1 win over Stevenson in the South League Tuesday. Shane Reagan had three hits and Jeff Cimini two for Magner's.

In a South game Wednesday, City Savings Bank downed M&W Heating 14-9. Glenn Civello of the losers led the hitters with three, while winning pitcher Robby Flood, Tom Murphy, Andy Livingston, and Billy Chester of CSB, and Tim Roberts of M&W had two each.

Luke Smith had three hits and picked up the win with an eight-strikeout performance to lead Fire Department to a 10-4 victory over Zayre Wednesday. The losers' Dean DeCarlo continued his slugging with his seventh home run. John Dallmeyer of the Firemen hit his first of the North League schedule.

JUN 20 1974

Little League results

JUN 27 1974

Besse-Clarke bested Moldmaster 8-7 last night in the East Little League, with Dave Burt getting the win over Jeff Andras. Jim White and Tim Noonan paced the 10-hit attack for the winners.

In other ELL activity this week, GE Credit Union knocked off Pittsfield Pipers 3-1 Wednesday on a one-hitter by Steve Harris. Piper pitcher Tim Coakley threw a three-hitter and lost. Rick Belair had a double and a single for the winners.

On Tuesday, IUE rolled over Moldmaster 12-2. Tim Loftus led the Union team at the plate and gained the pitching win.

Colt Insurance put on a five-run fifth inning to nip the Police Department 10-8 in the North Little League.

Joe Pivero was the offensive star for Colt as he drilled two home runs and had five RBIs. Jeff Nichols drove in the winning run with a double, and Dominic Fera had two hits.

Al Pires pitched strong relief for four innings, striking out nine and taking the win. Kevin Beeler, Brian Pigott and Sam Anello had two hits each for the losers. John Mazur was the losing pitcher.

IAC upset East Side Pizza 7-2 in the South Little League. Rick Hebert threw a five-hitter. Hebert and Rick DiOrio, with two hits apiece, led the IAC hitting. Jim Cobb topped East Side with two hits. Dean DiMassimo starred afield for East Side.

Mike Sweener cracked a triple and gained the pitching decision as the Big N cooled off Gull Oil 8-2 in the West Little League last night. The victory clinched the first-half season championship for the N's in the WLL.

Jay Cassella had a double and a single and Theron Goodrich had two singles to aid Sweener. Paul Penna paced the Oilers with a double and a single. Kevin Grise was the losing pitcher.

JUN 26 1974

Little League

Roddy Griffith allowed only two hits, both to McDonald's Dan Anello, to guide GE Credit Union past the Burgers 12-2 Friday in the East LL. Steve Harris and Rick Belair had two hits for the winners.

Winning pitcher Jeff Phillips fanned 10 batters and also drove in two runs himself as the Pittsfield Pipers downed Burger Chef 8-3 in East LL action Saturday. John Patella hit his second home run for the Chefs. Ted Boraski, John Marcinczyk, and Brian Keegan also played well.

IUE 255 and GE Credit Union tied for the East LL lead Sunday as a result of the 5-1 victory by Burger Chef over the union team. John Patella was the big reason. He struck out 15 while pitching a two-hitter and did not walk a batter. He, Gene Sala, and Mike Wehry had two hits apiece. Tim Loftus lost his first decision of the year. He and Charlie Gauvin had the hits.

In the East LL Monday night, the Pipers beat Moldmaster 6-3 behind Tim Coakley's one-hit, 10-strikeout pitching. Jeff Phillips' triple and two RBIs led the attack, and John Marcinczyk contributed a game-ending catch. Gary Burchard had the lone Moldmaster hit.

JUN 27 1974

Little League

Rich Hebert of the Italian-American Club and Shaun McHugh of Virgilio's matched one-hitters in the South LL Monday, but Rich Baran's single drove in the game's only run as IAC copped a 1-0 triumph. Pete Giardina had Virgilio's hit.

It was different last night, however, as Dave Luscier and Magner's Drug thumped IAC 8-1. Besides hurling a two-hitter, Luscier slammed two home runs and a double. Rich Baran had both of the losers' hits, one a double.

JUL 1 1974

North LL, South list star teams

The North and South Little Leagues unveiled their 1974 all-star squads over the weekend for the upcoming county tournament.

The SLL all-stars: Shaun McHugh and Pat McGowan of Virgilio's Construction; Dave Luscier and Shane Regan of Magner's Drugs; Dick Hebert and Dick DiOrio of Italian-American Club; John Pollander, Paul Yerrick and Jon Makowski of the Tank Shop; Rob Flood of City Savings Bank; Dean DiMassimo, Jim Cobb and Gary Bianchi of Eastside Pizza; and John Chiaretta of Stevenson Insurance. Bob Chiaretta and Dick DiOrio will coach the team.

The NLL all-stars: John Brown, Alex Pires, Joe Pivero and Jeff Nichols of Colt Insurance; Ray Charrow and Mike Winston of the Elks; Gary Hodlin of Stanley's; Dean DeCarlo of Zayre; Mark Petrezulla of the Fire Department; Kevin Beelen and John Mazzer of the Police Department; and Tony Wojtkowski, Pete Kellan and Glenn Barcher of Bernardo's.

Rangers slate Little League Night Tuesday

The Pittsfield Rangers will have Little League Night Tuesday at Wahconah Park when the local Eastern League entry will be playing Three Rivers.

Ranger players will conduct a clinic for Little Leaguers beginning at 6. Little League players attending in uniform will be admitted free.

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Tickets are being sold in advance for the game by all Little Leaguers. Half the proceeds of the advance sale will go to the local Little League.

JUL 2 1974

East League lists picks for Stars

The East Little League selected its 14 best boys to represent it in the coming tournament.

Picked were Jon Koscher and Dan Anello of McDonald's; John Brezniak, Steve Harris and Rick Belair of GE Employes' Credit Union, Chuck Burnick and Tim Dwyer of Moldmaster; Ted Boraski of Pittsfield Pipers; Dave Burt and Tim Noonan of Besse-Clarke; Charley Gauvin of IUE 255, Mike Wehry, John Patella and Gene Sala of Burger Chef.

Dick Belair of GE Employes' Credit Union and Mike Toner of Burger Chef are the coaches.

JUL 2 1974

Little League

John Makowski fired a one-hitter past the Italian-American Club last night in the South LL as the Tank Shop blanked IAC 3-0. Andy Amuso led the winners with two hits. Dave Baran had the lone IAC safety.

In the North LL, the Elks scored three runs in the third inning to defeat Colt Insurance 5-3. Ray Charon gained the pitching win and had two hits for the Elks as did teammate Mike Winston. Dominic Fora had two safeties for Colt.

Little League Results

Whether or not they deserve it, the Pittsfield Pipers received a quarter-pound of breaks from McDonald's Monday night in the East Little League. Three different Hamburger pitchers issued a total of 14 walks and the Pipers rolled to an easy 13-6 win. Tim Coakley fired a three-hit, 11-strikeout performance on the mound for the Pipes.

Down South, City Savings Bank cashed in on a bases-loaded walk to defeat Eastside Pizza 4-3. Tom Murphy was issued the deciding free pass. Ted Isabel had a triple and a single for the Savings. Both pitchers, Robby Flood of CSB and Phil Hooker of the Pizzas, had four-hitters.

Over in the East LL, a triple and single by Scott Tobler and two hits by Marcel Blouin paced Civitan over the Eagles by a 15-8 score. Ron Moon, who also doubled, won the game for Civitan. Bob Sokolowski was the loser. Chris Tremble had three hits for the Eagles.

Colt Insurance defeated the Fire Department 5-3 Monday night in the North Little League. Alex Pires was the winning pitcher and had two hits. Shaun Morin suffered the loss.

Sunday in the NLL, Zayre scored four times in the fourth inning to outlast Stanley's 8-6. Jim Hassett of Stanley's led all hitters with three hits. Gary Symanski won the game for Zayre. George Nardin was the loser.

On Saturday in the NLL, Bernardo's rallied for five runs in the sixth to upend the Fire Department 8-5. Pete Kellar smoked a two-hitter by the Firemen for the win, while Gerald Gagliardi took the loss.

Bob Sokolowski had four hits and John Farrell three doubles as the Eagles downed Monteleone Tile 18-5 Wednesday in the West LL. Jim Izzo picked up the win, striking out 12.

With Marcel Blouin getting three hits, scoring three runs and picking up the win, Civitan beat Monteleone Tile 19-6 in the West LL Saturday. Mike Magner and Mike Luciani had two hits each for the Tilemen.

Winning pitcher Scott Tobler hurled a 12-strikeout, two-hitter as Civitan blanked Connor Pharmacy 5-0 in the West LL Sunday. Tobler had two hits, including a homer. Marcel Blouin also had two safeties for Civitan.

Kevin Griese hurled a two-hitter and fanned 10 batters in leading Gull Oil to a 10-1 victory over Berkshire Vending Sunday in the West LL. Mike Hennessy slammed four hits in four at-bats.

Robby Flood's one-hitter led City Savings Bank to a 2-0 decision over the Italian-American Club Wednesday in the South LL. Chris Tierney had the lone hit in the last inning. Jim Manning and John Watson with two hits and Teddy Isabel and Tom Murphy with key hits led CSB at bat.

Dave Luscier hurled a one-hitter and cracked a three-run homer to lead Magner's to a 12-0 win over Tank Shop in the South LL Thursday. Timmy Alabosek spoiled the no-hit bit with a single to start the game.

M&W Heating edged Eastside Pizza, 6-5, Saturday in the South LL. Darryn Klemansky and Mike Martin had two hits each, and Don Ferguson was the winning pitcher.

Ted Boraski had himself a day Saturday in the East LL. He fired his second consecutive no-hitter and rapped three hits, including his second home run of the season as his Pittsfield Pipers team downed IUE 255, 5-1.

Roddy Griffith pitched a one-hitter and struck out 14 as GE Employers Credit Union beat Moldmaster, 17-1, in the East LL Sunday. Rick Belair had four hits and Pete Martin, two for the winners. Charlie Burnick had the lone hit off Griffith.

JUL 10 1974

Little League Results

JUL 12 1974

Pitcher Mike Sweener fired 10 strikeouts and cracked a three-run homer and two singles to lead the Big N to a 14-3 lathering of Connor Pharmacy last night in the West LL. The victory was the 12th in 12 games for the N's. Colin Gallup and Theron Goodrich, each had three hits for the Pharmacists.

In another WLL outing last night, 89 men came to the plate in a 23-15 slugfest won by Berkshire Vending. The losing team was Monteleone Tile. Chris Neary of the Venders led all batters with four hits. Jody Rutkowski got the win. Kevin Deloye was the losing pitcher.

Tim Loftus fired a two-hitter and Dave Fiorini went three - for - three at the plate Wednesday as IUE Local 255 defeated GE Credit Union, 10-4, to capture the first-half championship in the East Little League.

The playoff game was made necessary when both Local 255 and GE ended the first-half schedule with 8-2 records.

Joe Consolini and Mike Torchia each had two hits for the Locals. Losing pitcher Steve Harris and John Brezniak had the two GE hits.

Little League

GE Employes Credit Union blasted 20 hits in serving Besse-Clarke a 17-3 pasting Sunday in the East LL. Rick Belair and Pete Martin had three-for-three days. Winner John Brezniak fanned 10. Dave Burt had two hits for the losers.

Burger Chef, the first-half champ, started right in, again beating IUE 255, 9-7 in the East LL Friday. John Patella was the winner and had four straight hits. Joe Consolini had two hits for IUE.

JUL 15 1974

Little League

Bill Lake doubled in the winning run and pitcher Kevin Beezer struck out 14 batters as the Police Department edged the Elks, 6-5, Friday in the North Little League.

Lake, Beezer and Sam Anezio each had two hits for the cops, while Ray Charow blasted his sixth home run of the season for the Elks.

Colt Insurance got 12 hits and three runs in both the fourth and fifth innings to beat Bernardo's, 6-4, in the NLL. Four Colts had two hits apiece and Rick Murphy had three safeties for Bernardo's. Al Pires was the winner and Pete Keller took the loss.

JUL 15 1974

Little League results

JUL 18 1974

Ted Boraski fired a 17-strikeout one - hitter and hit a two-run homer to lead Pittsfield Pipers to a 15-0 rout of Besse-Clarke in the East LL. Ron Wojcik had the only hit for the Besse club.

In the East circuit Tuesday night GE Credit Union defeated McDonald's 11-1 behind the strong pitching of Roddy Griffith, who struck out 12 while walking just one. John Brezniak with three hits and Rick Belair with two led the winning attack. Mike Shiner had two safeties for McDonald's. John Koscher was the losing pitcher.

JUL 13 1974

Little League results

Italian American Club, with Nello Salvitti getting three hits, beat M&W Heating 11-4 in the South LL Thursday. Rick Hebert was the winning pitcher. Darryn Kennedy had two hits in defeat.

City Savings Bank defeated Virgilio's 10-3 Wednesday. Shaun McHugh, Shaun Daley, and Pat McGowan each doubled, and McHugh picked up the win. Jim Manning starred in defeat, rapping three hits and defending well in center field in the South LL game.

Tank Shop won over Stevenson's 8-4 Tuesday in South LL action. Clayton Budlong, John Poolander, Derek Garafino, and winning pitcher John Makowski had the big hits. Joe Melle and John Chiaretta had two each for Stevenson's.

Mike Brodeur hurled a no-hit, no-run game as Burger Chef downed Besse Clarke 4-0 in the East LL on Tuesday. Jim Wallace and Dave Burt paced the winner's offense.

JUL 16 1974

District 1 Little League playoffs set

Four contests are scheduled Thursday night

Four games Thursday night at 6 will start District 1 Little League all-star competition. The Pittsfield West League will play Pittsfield South at the West Field at Clapp Park. Pittsfield North will face Lee at Lee and Pittsfield East will take on Great Barrington at the East Little League Field on Benedict Road. The fourth clash will match Williamstown and Adams at Adams.

The district semifinals are scheduled for Saturday at sites to be announced. The West-South winner will meet the Williamstown-Adams victor and the North-Lee winner will take on the East-Great Barrington survivor. The final will be Tuesday, July 23.

The subsection playoff between the District 1 and 2 champions is slated for Saturday, July 27, in District 1. That winner will advance to the Section 1 final to be played in District 2. The victor and three other section champions will go on to the state tournament at Taunton Friday and Saturday, Aug. 2 and 3.

District 1 chairman Fran McDonald has charge of the playoffs in this area.

JUL 19 1974

Little League

Shaun Daley finished off his last regular season game in the South Little League in style Tuesday night, throwing a four-hitter and going four-for-four at bat with a triple, two doubles and a single. The pitching and hitting barrage inspired Daley's Virgilio teammates to route IAC 10-4.

On Wednesday night the heroics in the South LL belonged to Shane Reagan who stroked a bases-empty home run to lift Magner's past M&W Heating 11-10. It was Reagan's third hit of the game. He also had a pair of doubles.

Little League

Moldmasters dropped a pair of games in the East Little League in the past week, losing to Pittsfield Pipers 18-12 last Thursday and dropping an 11-5 decision to Burger Chef Monday.

Ted Boraski and Paul Ditamosso each had four hits to lead the Pipers in the first game. One of Boraski's hits was a home run. In the other game, John Patella clouted a homer and added two more hits to pace the Burgers.

Magner's scored a pair of wins in recent South Little League action, blanking Eastside Pizza 3-0 Friday and shading Stevenson's 6-5 on Monday.

Dave Luscier threw a one-hitter Friday. He helped his own cause by hitting a solo home run. Shane Reagan did likewise.

Dean Divassino had the only hit for Stevenson. Ricky Lees pitched a three-hitter for the losers. Reagan had three hits in the Stevenson's game. Joe Melle had three hits for Stevenson's. Steve Moynahan was the winning pitcher for Magner's.

In other games in the same league, M&W squeaked by City Savings 5-4 and Virgilio's topped the Tank Shop 5-4. Andy Hubregson, Darryn Klemansky, Mark Filiault, and Jack Eisen had two hits apiece for M&W. Jim Manning led CSB with three hits, and Tom Murphy had two.

Pete Trahanas and Shaun McHugh had doubles for Virgilio's. Andy Amuso and Jim Polander were the big hitters for Tank Shop.

JUL 16 1974

JUL 18 1974

County LL tourney is on tonight

Four games set for 6 p.m. in all-star playoff

The Berkshire County Little League playoffs begin tonight with first-round games at four sites.

Defending champion Pittsfield West will play Pittsfield South at Clapp Park. Pittsfield East and Great Barrington will meet at the Benedict Road field. Pittsfield North and Lee collide at Lee, and Adams and Williamstown at Williamstown.

South has won four of the last six titles. West broke through a year ago, and Great Barrington was the champion in 1970 and runner-up last year.

The second round is scheduled for Saturday. The winner of tonight's game at Clapp will meet the North Berkshire winner. The survivor in the Benedict Road field contest will play the North-Lee winner. The championship game will be Tuesday. All tourney games begin at 6 p.m.

Possible lineups:

PITTSFIELD NORTH: Mike Winston, 1b; Gary Hodlin or Mark Petrezulla, 2b; Alex Pires, ss; Tony Wojtkowski, 3b; Dean DeCarlo, lf; Glynn Barcher, cf; Joe Pivero, rf; Ray Charrow, c; John Mazzer, p.

LEE: Bob Comalli, 1b; Bryan Burrato, 2b; Dave Bartini, ss; Chip Cummings, 3b; Tom Bartini, lf; Ed Eckert, cf; Joe Scapin, rf; Tom Prinz, c; Steve Briggs, p.

PITTSFIELD SOUTH: Pat McGowan, 1b; Richard Hebert or Richard DiOrio, 2b; Shaun McHugh, ss; Dean DiMassimo or John Chiaretta, 3b; Jim Cobb or Rob Flood, lf; Shane Regan or John Pollander, cf; Gary Bianchi or John Makowski, rf; Paul Yerrick, c; Paul Luscier, p.

PITTSFIELD WEST: Paul Penna, Jay Casella, Rocky Daley, and Randy Taikowski, infielders; Steve Messina, Chris Tremblay, Marcel Blouin, Dave Bednarzyk, outfielders; Theron Goodrich, Mark Ringie, catchers; Mike Sweener, Mike Hennessy, Scott Tobler, pitchers.

PITTSFIELD EAST: Charlie Gauvin or Chuck Burnick, 3b; Dan Anello or Dave Burt, 2b; John Patella, p; Ric Belair, c; Gene Sala, 1b; Ted Boraski, cf; John Brezniak, rf; Steve Harris, ss; John Koscher, lf; Tim Dwyer, Mike Whery, Tim Noonon, reserve.

East, West, Adams, Lee LL quarterfinal victors

JUL 19 1974

Pittsfield East and West Little League teams and Lee and Adams all-star squads were victorious in District 1 quarterfinal-round playoff games last night. Pittsfield East blanked Great Barrington, 3-0, at the East Field and Pittsfield West eliminated Pittsfield South, 8-1, at the West Field. Adams trounced Williamstown, 13-0, at Williamstown and Lee turned back Pittsfield North, 9-4, at Lee.

Semifinals will be played tomorrow night at 6. Lee and Pittsfield East will clash on the East diamond on Benedict Road and the West team and Adams will tangle at Williamstown. Adams is playing there because its home field at Adams has an illegal backstop.

East hurler John Patella blanked Great Barrington on three hits. Steve Harris with three hits and Gene Sala and Ric Belair with two apiece led a 10 hit attack for the Pittsfield team.

Mike Sweener threw four-hit ball for the West victory. Dave Luscier was the losing pitcher for South. Mike Hennessy, Randy Taikowski and Jay Casella had two hits each for the winners. Hennessy made a great catch off a Luscier drive which would have been a home run. Paul Yerrick stood out for the South getting two hits and scoring the one run.

Bob Sokolowski is a member of the West squad. His names was left off the published roster.

Joe Markland was the star of the Adams win with two grand slam home runs.

The scores:

EAST

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Burnick, 3b	4	0	0	1	1	0
Anello, 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0
Harrington, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Patella, p	4	0	1	1	2	0
Belair, c	4	1	2	19	2	0
Sala, 1b	4	1	2	5	0	0
Boraski, cf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Brezniak, rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Harris, ss	4	0	3	1	1	0
Kosher, lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Dwyer, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	3	10	27	7	0

GREAT BARRINGTON

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Spadacni, p	3	0	0	0	2	0
Martin, lf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Finkel, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Soules, 2b	4	0	1	2	2	0
x-Sinala	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muller, c	3	0	0	12	0	0
Marks, 3b	4	0	1	1	6	0
Keefner, cf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Morelli, 1b	3	0	0	7	0	0
Netzer, rf	3	0	1	0	0	1
Fogarty, ss	2	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	28	0	3	27	12	1

x—Pinch ran for Soules in 9th

East	000	000	003—3
Great Barrington	000	000	000—0

DP—Fogarty, Soules, to Morelli; LOB—East, 5, Great Barrington, 6; RBI—Boraski 3; 2b—Belair; HR—Boraski; SB—Brezniak, Harris

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Patella W	9	3	0	0	4	18
Spadacni L	9	10	3	3	1	12

PITTS. WEST

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Daley, ss	2	0	0	0	0	0
Trembly, lf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Blouin, ss, lf	3	0	0	0	2	0
Sweener, p	2	1	1	2	3	0
Penna, 1b	3	0	1	7	0	0
Hennessey, cf	3	1	2	2	0	0
Goodrich, c	3	1	1	5	1	0
Messina, rf	1	2	0	0	0	0
Talkowski, 3b	3	2	2	2	1	1
Casella, 2b	3	1	2	0	1	0
Totals	24	8	10	18	8	1

PITTS. SOUTH

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
McHugh, ss	3	0	0	0	1	1
Cobb, lf	2	0	1	1	0	0
Luscier, p	2	0	0	0	0	0
Reagan, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Yerrick, c	2	1	2	5	2	0
Hebert, 2b	2	0	0	1	2	0
Chirretta, ph	1	0	0	0	0	0
McGowan, 1b	2	0	0	5	0	0
Bianchi, rf	3	0	1	1	0	0
Dimassimo, 3b	2	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	22	1	4	15	5	1

Pitts. West	040	40x—8	
Pitts. South	010	000—1	

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Sweener W	6	4	1	1	4	5
Luscier L	5	10	8	7	2	5

Little League

JUL 23 1974

Shaun McHugh had four hits and Shaun Daley was the winning pitcher as Virgilio's downed the Italian - American Club Friday in the South LL.

In the South LL Monday night, Eastside defeated Tank Shop 9-7. Dave Cancilla picked up his first victory. Dean Dimassimo and Jim Cobb had two hits apiece for the winners. P. J. Yerrick and Andy Amuso had two hits each for TK.

Stevenson's Insurance edged City Savings Bank 8-7 in the South LL Saturday with Gary Augenstein getting the win. Gary Pignone and Dan Folan had two hits for Stevenson's. Mark Morgan had three safeties and Rob Flood and Teddy Isabel two each for the losers.

Mike Hennessy slammed a home run and two doubles as Gull Oil & Coal rolled to a 9-3 West LL win over connor Pharmacy Monday night. Kevin Grisie hurled four innings of one-hit ball to get the win. John Kozlowski had three singles for Connor.

In the last regular-season South LL game, Tank Shop won over Eastside 17-7 Sunday as John Makowski worked a six-hitter and had two hits himself. John Pollander had three hits; Andy Amuso and P. J. Yerrick, two each for the winners. Doran Guillou, Dean Dimassimo and Jim Cobb were Eastside's stars.

JUL 30 1974

Semifinals today in LL playoff

Games slated for 6 p.m. here, Williamstown

The District 1 Little League tournament will resume tonight at 6 with semifinal games. The Pittsfield East All-Stars will play Lee at the East diamond on Benedict Road. Pittsfield West will meet Adams at the Williamstown Little League Field.

In the quarterfinal games Thursday the East blanked Great Barrington 3-0 and Lee downed Pittsfield North 9-4. Pittsfield West was victorious over Pittsfield South 8-1 and Adams trounced Williamstown 13-0.

Tonight's winners will meet Tuesday night at 6 for the District championship at a site to be announced. The District 1 champion will go against the District 2 champion Saturday, July 27, in a subsection playoff in District 1. That winner will advance to the section playoff Tuesday, July 30, in District 2.

JUL 23 1974

West, East in LL title game at 6

The Berkshire County Little League championship will be decided tonight when the all-stars of the West and East leagues collide at the Benedict Road field. Game time is 6 p.m.

West, the defending champion, gained the title game by beating Pittsfield South 8-1 and Adams 6-2. East, ousted in the first round by West last year, has advanced by virtue of wins over Great Barrington, 3-0 in nine innings, and Lee, 2-0.

The champion will represent District 1 in the subsectional playoff Saturday.

Little League

JUL 22 1974

Winning pitcher Bob Harrington had three hits as IUE 255 defeated Moldmaster 8-2, in the East LL Saturday. Dave Fiorini and Bill Mason had two hits each for the winners. Tim Dwyer had a pair of hits for Moldmaster.

Jeff Phillips tossed a three-hitter to lead the Pittsfield Pipers to a 7-5 victory in the East LL Sunday. Ted Boraski had three hits for the Pipers, including a triple. Rick Belair had two of the three hits made by GE Credit Union.

JUL 22 1974

All-city final assured in Little League event

By Jan Tavalin

It will be an all-Pittsfield final in this year's Berkshire County (District I) Little League baseball tournament. Pittsfield's East and West all-star teams will battle for the county championship tomorrow evening at the East diamond off Benedict Road. The contest is scheduled to begin promptly at 6.

Pittsfield East advanced to the finals with a 2-0 win over the Lee All-Stars here, Saturday evening, while the Westsiders were defeating Adams, 6-2, in Williamstown.

A crowd of 428 at the East diamond saw Ted Boraski pitch a one-hit shutout for the East, and win his own game with a two-run home run over the centerfield fence. Gene Sala opened the top of the second with an infield hit. Boraski followed with a high drive that cleared the 200 - foot barrier with about 25 feet to spare. It was all the offense the East needed.

Boraski lost what would have been his third no-hitter of the season, in the bottom of the second. Chip Cummings led off with a ground ball that found the hole between first and second for a clean single. After two were out, Bob Comalli walked and a wild pitch put the tying runs in scoring position. But Boraski fanned mound opponent Joey Scapini to end the inning.

Lee threatened again in the bottom of the fifth when leadoff walks to Jack Deroussier and Chris Airoldi and an infield out again put two runs in scoring position. But Boraski retired Dave Bartini on a liner to left-fielder Jack Koscher to end the threat.

Pittsfield East looked sharp defensively, playing errorless ball for its second consecutive game. John Patella looked particularly impressive in right-field.

But the two fielding gems belonged to Lee. First baseman Airoldi made a lunging stop of Sala's shot, then dove to the bag to rob the Pittsfield hitter in the third. Shortstop Bartini made a back - to - the - plate catch of John Brezniak's short fly in the sixth.

Patella and Sala both had two hits for the East. Patella had a long double against the centerfield fence in the third.

The defending district champions, Pittsfield West, showed good power in their 6-2 win over Adams. Jay Casella knocked a two-run homer in the second, and Mike Sweener added a two-run circuit clout in the fourth to ice the victory. The other two West runs counted on Randy Taikowski's third inning double.

Mike Hennessy breezed to the victory, scattering five hits.

Patella will pitch for the East All-Stars tomorrow night, while Sweener will take the hill for the West. The district winner will advance to Saturday evening's subsectional against the District 2 winner, either Easthampton or Longmeadow.

Saturday's contest will be played in Pittsfield, regardless of the outcome of tomorrow's district finals.

The scores:

PITTSFIELD EAST

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Harris, ss	4	0	0	0	1	0
Burt, 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Anello, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Patella, rf	3	0	2	3	0	0
Belair, c	3	0	0	7	0	0
Sala, 1b	3	1	2	5	0	0
Boraski, p	3	1	1	1	1	0
Brezniak, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Burnick, 3b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Koscher, lf	2	0	1	2	0	0
xWehry, ph,lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	2	6	18	4	0

LEE

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
B.Burrato, 2b	3	0	0	2	3	0
D.Bartini, ss	2	0	0	2	0	0
Eckert, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Briggs, c	3	0	0	6	0	0
Cummings, 3b	2	0	1	0	0	1
zzJ.Burrato, ph	1	0	0	0	0	0
Prinz, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gialoto, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Deroussier, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
zT.Bartini, pr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rogers, rf	0	0	0	0	0	1
Comelli, 1b	0	0	0	4	0	0
Airoldi, 1b	0	0	0	4	0	0
Scapini, p	2	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	19	0	1	18	6	2

x—Lingo to short for Koscher in 6th.
z—Ran for Deroussier in 5th.
zz—Struck out for Cummings in 6th.

PITTSFIELD EAST	020 000	—2
LEE	000 000	—0

LOB—Pittsfield East 8, Lee 5; RBI—Boraski 2; 2B—Patella; HR—Boraski; SB—Brezniak; S—Burnick; Hit by batted ball—Prinz

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Boraski (WP)	6	1	0	0	3	7
Scapini (LP)	6	6	2	2	1	6

HBP—D. Bartini (By Boraski), Burnick (By Scapini); WP—Boraski; PB—Briggs.
Time: 1 hour, 23 minutes.
Attendance: 428
Umpires: George Gallagher, Warren Gariby and Mark Shepherd.

PITTSFIELD WEST

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Tremblay, cf	3	0	1	0	1	0
Sokolowski, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blovin, lf	3	1	0	1	0	0
Sweener, ss	3	1	1	2	2	0
Penna, 1b	2	1	0	3	0	0
Hennessey, p	3	1	2	0	2	0
Goodrich, c	2	0	1	3	0	0
Ringie, c	1	0	0	5	0	0
Taikowski, 3b	2	1	1	2	1	0
Casella, 2b,lf	3	1	1	0	1	0
Messina, rf	1	0	0	2	0	0
Tobler, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	6	7	18	7	0

ADAMS

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Cudak, 2b	2	1	1	3	0	0
Griswald, 1b	3	0	2	2	0	1
Desnoyers, ss	3	0	1	1	2	1
Gazaille, 3b	2	0	0	2	0	0
George, rf	3	1	0	0	0	0
Markland, p	3	0	1	3	1	0
Pelletier, c,cf	2	0	0	2	0	0
Urquhart, c	3	0	1	2	0	0
Ramsdell, c	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michalski, cf,lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Menczynor, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	2	6	15	3	2

PITTS. WEST	022 20x	—6
ADAMS	101 000	—6

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Hennessey (W)	6	6	2	2	9	8
Markland (L)	5	7	6	6	3	4.

Sweener leads West stars to win over East, LL title

SPORTS

By Jan Tavalin

Pittsfield and Berkshire County should be well-represented in the sectional Little League baseball tournaments.

An impressive Pittsfield West all-star team backed the three-hit pitching of Mike Sweener with an awesome 15-hit attack, defeated a previously unscored on Pittsfield East all-star squad, 11-1, last evening and won the Berkshire County (District I) championship for the second consecutive year.

The Westsiders will battle the District 2 champs (either Easthampton or Longmeadow) in the subsectional playoff, Saturday night at 5 at the Clapp Park Little League diamond.

A crowd of 603, one of the largest to witness a baseball game in Pittsfield this year, gathered at the East diamond, on the eve of the Major Leagues All-Star Game, to witness this showdown.

First-inning lead

The West jumped off to a 2-0 first-inning lead on a hit batsman, a bad hop single, a wild pitch, an error and an infield out. But if the first inning runs were tainted, there was no mistake the West's potency in the subsequent three innings.

They jolted the usually reliable fast baller, John Patella, for three runs in the second and three more in the third. They added another three off lefty reliever John Brezniak in the fourth to take an 11-0 lead.

The pattern was the same in each of the West's three-run innings. The bottom of the order, Jay Casella, Randy Taikowski and Steve Messina, would set the table and the top of the order, Paul Penna, Marcel Blouin and Sweener, would deliver the goods. The "table setters" contributed two runs and Penna the third in each of the three-run rallies.

Penna had an outstanding day for the West. His double to right field knocked in two runs in the second inning and another double, this one to left center, added a pair in the third. Penna also had an infield hit and a walk.

Three-hit players

Blouin and Sweener had three hits apiece. Blouin pinch-hit for the ailing Rocky Daley in the second and knocked in a run with a single through the box. Blouin later drove in two with a ground-rule double that bounced over the left center field fence. Sweener drove in two runs. He hit a vicious shot off the left field fence in the second, but was held to a single as Tim Noonan played the carom well.

The West's output could have been even greater. They stranded 14 runners and, on three occasions, left the bases loaded. In the third, Chris Trembley's bases-loaded double was called back and the batter declared out for crossing home plate to hit the ball.

The East's lone run came in the fourth. Sweener opened the inning by walking Patella and Mike Wehry. Gene Sala hit into a double play, but Ted Boraski doubled down the right field line to score Patella. Brezniak drew a walk, but Sweener fanned pinch hitter John Koscher to end the rally. The only other East hits came on a two-out single by Patella in the first and a two-out single by Sala in the sixth.

Sweener, who throws with a jerky motion, simply overpowered most of the hitters he faced. He fanned 12 and retired the others on five ground balls, only two of which got past the mound. The East's three hits were the only balls to get past the infield.

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DUGOUT NOTES: Bob Avalle presided over brief pregame ceremonies, announcing the players from both teams . . . A stiff wind blowing in from left-center appeared to stop at least two would-be homers . . . Outfielder Tim Dwyer of the East squad came up with the fielding gem of the game when he speared a line drive off the bat of Taikowski in the fourth . . . Boraski drove in all six East runs in their three games of district tournament competition . . . No decision was made immediately on who would start on the mound for the West in Saturday's playoff . . . Six of this year's West squad were on the 1973 district champions. Observers agree that this year's team is considerably better . . . The three errors made by the East All-Stars were their first of the tournament.

PITTS. WEST

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Penna, 1b	4	3	3	5	0	0
Daley, ss	0	1	0	0	0	0
xBlouin, ss	4	0	3	0	1	0
Sweener, p	5	1	3	0	2	0
Hennessy, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
xxTobler, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Trembley, lf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Bednazyk, lf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Goodrich, c	3	0	0	8	0	0
Ringie, c	1	0	1	4	1	0
Casella, 2b	4	2	1	1	1	0
Taikowski, 3b	4	2	0	0	0	0
Messina, rf,cf	3	2	2	0	0	0
Totals	37	11	15	18	5	0

PITTS. EAST

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Harris, ss	2	0	0	0	2	3
Anello, ss	1	0	0	1	2	0
Harrington, 2b	2	0	0	1	0	0
Burt, 2b	1	0	0	0	2	0
Patella, p,rf,3b	2	1	1	2	1	0
Belair, c	1	0	0	4	0	0
Wehry, c	1	0	0	1	0	0
Sala, 1b	3	0	1	5	0	0
Boraski, cf	2	0	1	1	0	0
Brezniak, rf,p	1	0	0	0	0	0
zKoscher, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Noonan, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dwyer, lf,rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	20	1	3	18	7	3

x—Singled for Daley in the 2nd
xx—Walked for Hennessy in the 4th
z—Struck out for Burnick in the 4th

PITTS. WEST	233	300	—11
PITTS. EAST	000	100	— 1

DP—West 1; LOB—West 14, East 5; RBI—Penna 4, Blouin 3, Sweener 2, Trembley, Boraski; 2B—Penna 2, Blouin, Messini, Boraski

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Sweener (W)	6	3	1	1	4	12
Patella (L)	2⅓	8	8	6	2	3
Brezniak	3⅔	7	3	3	3	1

HBP—Daley (By Patella); WP—Patella 3, Sweener

Time: 1 hour, 44 minutes
Attendance: 603
Umpires: Bill Larkin, Pat Larkin, Pete Larkin, all of Pittsfield.

Little League

Bernardo's clinched the first-half championship of the North Little League last week with a 11-4 victory over the Elks. The Bernies scored seven times in the second inning to wrap up the contest. Pete Kellar was the winner; and Jim Gleason, the loser. Tony Woijkowski had three hits for Bernardo's.

In NLL action last Sunday, Stanley's ripped the Fire Department 11-5 and Zayre assumed the second-half lead by knocking off Bernardo's 5-3.

Three hits by Jim Hassett and the strong pitching of Pete Kavey wrapped up the Stanley's win, while Dean DeCarlo's two doubles and Gary Symanski's hurling led Zayre.

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Little League

Jay Casella spun a one-hitter and Theron Goodrich collected four hits at the plate to lead the Big N to a lop-sided, 16-1, thrashing of Monteleone Tile Thursday night in the West Little League. Tom Scace had the only Monteleone safety.

Chris Trembley of the Eagles his a grand-slam home run and a two-run double as his team beat Berkshire Vending, 12-9, in the West LL Wednesday. Jimmy Izzo was the winning pitcher. Vending's Mike Daly hit a triple, double and single.

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Little League Results

Dave Luscier spun a no-hitter and slammed a home run, and Steve Moynahan drove in the winning runs with a single as Magner's Drugs captured the championship of the South Little League Sunday. Luscier struck out 15 in his duel with John Makowski of TK. Makowski allowed two hits and fanned 12.

Magner's gained the title round as second-half champs, TK as first-half winners. Both teams finished with 13-5 records.

Eastside Pizza finished in third place in the South LL with a 4-3 victory over Virgilio's Construction Monday night. Dean Dimassimo picked up the win the in relief of Phil Hooker and also lead his team at bat with a double and single. Hooker drove in the winning run with a double in the sixth inning that scored Tom Patricelli. Shaun McHugh belted a home run and Mark Carnevale had two singles for Virgilio's.

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Little League Results

IUE Local 255 knocked Pittsfield Pipers out of contention for the East Little League pennant Monday with a 1-0 victory. Dave Fiorini knocked in the game-winner for the Locals, while IUE pitcher Tim Loftus tossed the shutout. Piper pitcher Ted Boraski yielded only one hit.

In other East action, McDonald's defeated Besse-Clarke 4-2 last week as Dan Anello bested Ron Wojcik on the mound.

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Little League Results

Colt Insurance captured the second-half title in the North LL by beating Zayre 8-1 Thursday. Joe Pivero rapped a bases-loaded double, and John Brown and Scott Anello had two hits for the Colts. T. J. Nash had a pair for Zayre.

Colt Insurance will meet the first-half winner, Bernardo's Variety, for the league championship Sunday afternoon at 1.



Bill Mahan

SCORING ZESTFULLY for the Pittsfield West Little League All-Stars is Chris Tremblay, whose tally gave the local club a 2-0 lead over Easthampton in the West's 7-0 subsectional playoff triumph Saturday here. Tremblay leaped high and landed emphatically on the plate. The Easthampton catcher is Dan Driscoll.

Pittsfield West wins 7-0, plays tonight at Longmeadow

By Jan Tavalin

The Section I championship and a berth in the state Little League playoffs will be at stake this evening, when the Pittsfield West All-Stars take on Worcester's Division 4 champs of Longmeadow. The contest has been moved up from Tuesday and is now scheduled to start at 5:30 this evening at Longmeadow's Little League diamond off Williams Court.

The Westsiders earned a trip to the sectional finals with another highly impressive performance, whipping Easthampton's District 2 champions, 7-0, before 586 fans at Clapp Park Saturday. Southpaw Mike Hennessey pitched the finest game of his Little League career, and Mike Sweener paced an eight-hit attack with a double, a homer and three runs batted in to lead the way.

"Hennessey came through spectacularly well," remarked jubilant head coach Mike Messina after the game. "There was a question in my mind as to whether he could stop them, but he really did the job."

The little left-hander throws with a slow, easy motion, that sometimes appears as if he's tossing pebbles nonchalantly into a pond. But he kept the hitters completely off balance with an assortment of speeds, including a sneaky fast ball, and had the ball moving around the plate, consistently nicking the corners. Hennessey had good control, fanning seven while walking only two. He scattered three hits in shutting out Easthampton and was never in serious trouble.

The Pittsfield team got off to a slow start. After stranding two runners in each of the first two innings, Sweener got things going with one out in the third by stroking a double that hit the right-field fence on a hop. Chris Trembley's single to center scored Sweener with the initial run, and Trembley moved to second when center-fielder Kevin Krumpholz misplayed the ball. Jay Casella's single through the middle scored Trembley to give the West a 2-0 lead.

Pittsfield added a pair in the bottom of the fourth on a long two-run homer by Sweener. After Marcel Blouin's single, Mike caught a Ken Swartz fast ball and pounded it well over the right-field fence; the ball landing behind a row of parked cars, approximately 230 feet from home plate. It was Sweener's second home run in three games.

The westsiders clinched it in the bottom of the fifth, picking up three runs without the benefit of a solid hit. After two were out, walks to Randy Taikowski, Theron Goodrich and Steve Messina loaded the bases. With Ed Popielaczyk pitching, Paul Penna topped a tricky bounder to short that Jim Campbell couldn't handle. When Campbell finally recovered, he threw late and low to third, the ball rolling to the fence, allowing Goodrich to score behind Taikowski. Popielaczyk then plunked Blouin with a pitch and walked Sweener on a 3-2 delivery to force home the seventh run.

Each team made two errors afield, but in general, the defensive play continued to be superior. Second-baseman Casella had two fielding gems for Pittsfield in the first, spearing Swartz's liner on the initial play of the game, then retiring Campbell on a tough ground ball one play later. Despite his error, Campbell played well at short for Easthampton, handling five other chances gracefully.

Sweener, a smoke-throwing right-hander, will start on the mound against Worcester tonight. Coach Messina will have two other fine hurlers, Bob Sokolowski and Scott Tobler, ready in the bullpen.

Messina is uncertain about the rest of his starting lineup. Blouin, who replaced the ailing Rocky Daley in the District I finals, has looked good. Now Daley has recovered and either boy could start at short. Taikowski at third, Casella at second and Penna at first will complete the infield. Trembley, Messina and either Hennessey or Blouin are likely outfield starters, with Dave Bednazyk also available. Goodrich will be behind the plate.

The winner of the evening's contest will advance to the four-team, single-elimination state tournament, Friday and Saturday in Taunton. Several fans who had congregated around the dugout following the Easthampton game were already talking about Taunton. They felt the local entry had the ability, the poise and the confidence to defeat Worcester for the sectional crown.

"Let's put it this way" said Messina, who refused to discuss anything beyond the Worcester game. "We'll have our best team out there Monday."

According to local Little League director Fran McDonald, the Longmeadow diamond is located a short distance east of the center of town. It can be reached by turning off I-91 at Exit I, proceeding south of Route 5 for five stop lights, then left and left again at Williams Court. Despite the late change in the date of the game, a large delegation from Pittsfield is anticipated. Almost 1,200 persons attended the West All-Stars last two games.

PITTSFIELD WEST

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Penna, 1b	3	0	1	3	0	0
Blouin, cf	3	1	1	2	0	0
Sweener, ss	3	2	2	2	0	1
Trembley, lf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Hennessey, p	3	0	0	1	2	0
Casella, 3b	3	0	2	2	1	0
Taikowski, 3b	1	1	1	0	1	1
Goodrich, c	2	1	0	7	0	0
Messina, rf	2	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	23	7	8	18	4	2

EASTHAMPTON

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Swartz, p, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Krumpholz, cf	3	0	1	1	0	1
Campbell, ss	3	0	1	3	2	1
Kuzmicki, 1b	3	0	0	3	0	0
Berube, lf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Nalewanski, 3b	3	0	1	2	1	0
Farr, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dlugozima, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Driscoll, c	2	0	0	4	0	0
Safron, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Popielaczyk, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	0	3	15	3	2

Pittsfield West	002 23x—7
Easthampton	000 000—0

LOB — Pittsfield West 9, Easthampton 7; RBI — Sweener 3, Trembley, Casella, Penna; 2B — Sweener; HR — Sweener

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Hennessey (W)	6	3	0	0	2	7
Swartz (L)	4⅔	7	6	6	5	4
Popielaczyk	⅓	1	1	1	2	0

HBP — Blouin (by Popielaczyk); Time — 1 hour 36 minutes; A — 586; Umpires — John Schneider, Richard Belair, Tom Gleason

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Steve Hawkins

IN A SUBSECTIONAL PLAYOFF tonight will be the West Little League All-Stars, champions of District 1, against District 2 champion Easthampton at the West League Field at Clapp Park. West squad personnel are, left to right: first row, Rocky Daley, Marcel Blouin, Jay Casella, Paul Penna, Steve Messina, Chris Tremblay, Bob Sokolowski and Mike Hennessy; second row, coach Michael Messina, Theron Goodrich, Mark Ringie, Scott Tobler, Dave Bednarczyk, Mike Sweener, Randy Taikowski and assistant coach Wayne Goodrich. District 1 takes in all of Berkshire County. Tonight's contest is scheduled to begin at 5 o'clock.

Pittsfield West wins 3-2 advances to state tourney

By Jan Tavalin

SPORTS

LONGMEADOW — The Pittsfield West All-Stars took the Western Massachusetts (Section 1) Little League championship and one of four berths in the upcoming state playoffs, with a dramatic 3-2 victory over the Joe Schwartz All-Stars of Worcester, before 208 spectators at Williams Court Field here last evening.

The westsiders will leave Pittsfield Thursday afternoon for Wheaton College in Taunton, where they will meet the District 4 representative in semi-final action, Friday at 4:30 p.m. The state championship and consolation games will be held Saturday, starting at 11:00 a.m.

Mike Sweener was the big story again for the Pittsfield team. His blazing fast ball and effective change-up were too much for the Worcester batters. Only twice did they get good wood on his deliveries. Kevin Barrette hit a sharp ground single through the left side in the second and Paul Litchfield hit a half-speed pitch for a solid single to left in the sixth. Only one other ball, a lazy fly to center in the fifth, reached the outfield.

Actually, Sweener had more problems from the Pittsfield defense and his own wildness than he had from the Worcester hitters. After two excellent performances, the West All-Stars understandably had an off day. They frequently appeared flat in the field, and their timing was off, somewhat at the plate.

Errors put Sweener in a hole in the first two innings. He pitched out of trouble in the first, retiring Mark Julian on a pop-up with two on and two out. An error and Barrette's single put runners on first and second with none out in the second. But Mike fired three strikes past Scott Lombardi and got Ray Orchiuch to hit into a double play, with Jay Casella turning the pivot at second.

Pittsfield took the lead with three unearned runs in the bottom of the second. Randy Taikowski beat out an infield hit, and with two out, Theron Goodrich walked. Paul Penna's grounder went through second baseman Mike Murphy, Taikowski scoring on the error and the runners moving to second and third on the throw home. Then, Steve Messina, swinging late on a fast ball, belted a double to deep right field, driving home Goodrich and Penna. First-baseman Paul Litchfield prevented further damage when he snagged Sweener's hot shot and retired him unassisted to end the inning.

Breezing along with a 3-0 lead, Sweener suddenly lost his control in the top of the fourth. Unable to keep his fast ball down, Mike issued three walks and uncorked three wild pitches, giving Worcester a run and putting two men in scoring position before he settled down to retire Lombardi on strikes and Orchiuch on a roller to the mound to end the inning. This was the only inning that Sweener walked a batter or was charged with a wild pitch.

Worcester brought their fans to their feet in the final frame, when, with one out, Julian beat out an infield hit and Litchfield lined a single to left. Left-fielder Bob Sokolowski made a fine play on a short hop to keep the ball from getting through. Barrette grounded to Taikowski, who stepped on third to force Julian, but he then threw wild to second, attempting to double-up Litchfield. When Dave Bednazyk bobbled the ball to the right, Litchfield scored and Barrette, the potential tieing run, moved to third. But again Sweener came through in the clutch. He fanned Lombardi for the third time—this time on three pitches—to end the game.

"The guys came through when they had to" said Coach Mike Messina as he accepted congratulations from parents and followers after the game. He admitted that Sweener is prone to sudden periods of wildness but added, "When he gets them in there, we're in clover."

Messina will stick to his two-man starting rotation of Sweener and Mike Hennessey in the state playoffs, but he is uncertain who will start in Friday's semifinals, when they meet the winner of last night's Chelmsford-Tewksbury game, in Wolburn.

The victory marks the fourth time Pittsfield has had a Section I champion and state entrant in the last seven years. The South All-Stars took the sectional crown three times, the latest being in 1972.

DUGOUT NOTES: Hennessey barely missed a home run in the fifth inning, when he backed left-fielder Brian McLaughlin against the fence with his long drive. McLaughlin, who had two homers in Worcester's sub-sectional victory Saturday, was handled well by Sweener. He was held to an infield hit in three tries and failed to hit a ball out of the infield. . .Sweener fanned seven, getting Jamie Knight and Orchiuch three times each. . .With two hits in three appearances, Sweener now has eight hits in his last 12 official at-bats. . .Third-base umpire Rich Johnson stopped play in the fourth after Sweener had paused to wipe his forehead while still on the mound. Both Sweener and Coach Messina were given stern warnings. Johnson was concerned that the 12-year old right-hander may have attempted to moisten the ball.

TOURNAMENT TIDBITS: Assistant state tournament director Anthony Lopes congratulated the West All-Stars after the game and filled them in on details of the upcoming playoffs. . .The team will leave Pittsfield at about 3 p.m. Thursday. They will spend two nights at Wheaton College with the state organization taking care of their room and board. They will return home Saturday evening. . .The winner of the state tournament will advance to the northeast tournament, to be held this year in Staton Island. . .About 100 Pittsfield fans were at the game. Local officials felt the crowd was held down by the late revision in the date of the game. . .State officials have reserved motel accommodations in Taunton for Pittsfield fans planning to stay overnight during the tournament. Interested parties should communicate with Pittsfield director Francis McDonald.

Pittsfield West

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Penna, 1b	3	1	0	5	0	1
Messina, rf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Bednazyk, rf	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sweener, p	3	0	2	0	3	0
Trembley, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sokolowski, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hennessey, cf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Casella, 2b	3	0	0	3	2	1
Taikowski, 3b	2	1	1	2	0	1
Blouin, ss	2	0	0	0	0	0
Goodrich, c	0	1	0	5	0	0
Ringie, c	0	0	0	2	1	0
Totals	21	3	4	18	6	4

Worcester Schwartz

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Murphy, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	1
Granger, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Knight, p	3	0	0	0	3	1
McLaughlin, lf	3	0	1	1	0	0
McDermott, c	2	0	0	2	0	0
Julian, 3b	2	1	1	4	1	0
Litchfield, 1b	3	1	1	6	0	0
Barrette, ss	2	0	1	0	2	1
Lombardi, cf	3	0	0	1	1	0
Orchiuch, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	22	2	4	15	7	3

Pittsfield West 030 00x — 3
Worcester Schwartz 000 101 — 2

DP—Pittsfield West, 1; LOB—Pittsfield 6, Worcester 6; RBI—Messina, 2; 2B—Messina; SB—Barrette

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Sweener (W)	6	4	2	1	3	7
Knight (L)	5	4	3	0	3	2

HBP—Murphy (By Sweener); T—1 hour, 20 minutes; WP—Sweener, 3; PB—McDermott; A—208
UMPIRES: Joe Murphy, Ed Piziak and Rich Johnson

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Little League

Strikeouts were the rage in the North Little League last night as the Elks closed out the regular season with a 4-3 victory over the Fire Department.

Opposing pitchers Ray Charow of the Elks and Luke Smith of the Firemen each fanned 12 batters. Charow was luckier than most at the plate, however, getting three hits. He gave up only two.

The final standings in the NLL look like this: Colt Insurance 7-1, Zayre 6-2, Bernardo's 6-2, Elks 5-3, Police Department 4-4, Stanley's 1-7, and Fire Department 0-8.

Little League

Burger Chef won second-half honors in the East Little League last night by defeating GE Credit Union 6-4. Burger Chef will meet first-half champ IUE-255 tomorrow on the East diamond for the league title.

Fine relief work by John Patella who gave up one hit and struck out eight in three innings featured the Burger victory. Gene Sala hit a two-run homer for the winners. Sala rapped out three hits in four trips. Patella and Mike Wehry each had two hits for Burger Chef.

Rick Belair had two hits in two trips for Credit Union. John Brezniak went the distance for Credit Union.

Joe Consolini threw a no-hitter Wednesday night in the East Little Leauge as IUE defeated Besse-Clarke 6-0. He missed a perfect game when one error was committed in the field. Bob Harrington led the winners offensively with four hits.

In other ELL action, Ted Boraski stroked a three-run homer and Tim Coakley spun a three-hitter as Pittsfield Pipers slugged McDonald's 11-1 Thursday night. Kevin Jester collected the trio of Hamburger hits.

Roddy Griffith had two hits and gained the pitching victory Tuesday night as Credit Union knocked off Moldmaster 7-4 in the ELL. Mike Shea and Jeff Knox doubled for the losers.

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Scores

Legion

Tyler Aces 2, South Hadley 0.

Little League

Pittsfield 7, Arlington 0

EL

Thetford 6, Pittsfield 4 (1st)
Thetford 4, Pittsfield 1 (2nd)

AL

Boston 7, Baltimore 5
Cleveland 8, New York 2

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Joel Librizzi

WEST LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS, the No. 1 team in Western and Central Massachusetts, prepare to embark for Taunton where they play in the state tournament today and tomorrow. The team left yesterday and is staying at Wheaton College while competing in the state tournament.

Arlington contest today figured greatest test for West League stars

By Jan Tavalin

Pittsfield's West Little League All-Stars were scheduled to face their greatest test this afternoon when the west siders opened the 1974 state tournament at Taunton at 2:00 p.m. against Arlington, a perennial powerhouse team generally regarded as the traditional favorite of the four-team tournament. Arlington has won the state championship three times in the last five years. Last year, it was defeated in the Section 2 playoffs by Needham, which in turn ascended to the state crown.

So Pittsfield is bucking tradition, talent and undoubtedly a very well-developed Little League area organization which has succeeded in keeping the state title in Boston's western suburbs during four of the past five years.

West All-Star coach Mike Messina was well aware of this and nominated his ace hurler, Mike Sweener, to take the mound this afternoon. This will leave southpaw Mike Hennessey to pitch in Saturday's championship (2 p.m.) or consolation game (11:30 a.m.), depending how Pittsfield did today.

Team to beat

Messina went with Sweener because he believes Arlington is the team to beat for the state title. He also felt that if his team defeated Arlington, his boys would have the confidence and momentum to defeat the winner of the Medford-Randolph game for the championship.

"Anytime you have the caliber of teams that they (Arlington) have had over the years, it's got to rub off . . . the kids are bound to be affected by this" said Messina. The Pittsfield coach added that he is not disappointed that a late, unexplained change in pairings put West against the favorite in the semifinals.

"I'm kind of glad it worked out this way" he added, noting that this way his boys won't be overlooking anyone.

Messina was not concerned that Sweener had only three days' rest. The big right-hander pitched all six innings in Monday evening's 3-2 win over Worcester Schwartz. "He's a strong boy," remarked the coach.

The Pittsfield entry is a team of many talents. They have two good pitchers in Sweener and Hennessey, plus a two-man bullpen which hasn't seen any action thus far. It is a superb defensive team for its age group, and there is excellent balance in the lineup. Six of the starters are batting over .300 and only one is below .267 in tournament competition.

When you mention individuals, you have to start with Sweener. As a pitcher he has gone the route in three games, allowing just three earned runs in 18 innings in which he has given up 11 hits, 11 walks and fanned 24. As a hitter he leads the team in all departments, hitting .563 (including eight hits in his last 12 at-bats) two home runs and seven RBIs. He is also a fine defensive shortstop, a position he plays when Hennessey is on the mound.

Hennessey, incidentally, has the other two route-going victories, and has surrendered just two runs while fanning 15 in 12 innings. In contrast to Sweener's fast ball, Hennessey relies on a sneaky fast ball, an effective curve and an assortment of speeds.

Leading batters

Leading West hitters behind Sweener are Randy Taikowski and Jay Casella. Taikowski is batting .417 with four runs batted in. Casella .375 with five RBIs. Leadoff hitter Paul Penna and Steve Messina are each hitting .333, and Chris Trembley follows at .308.

The above six were starters in today's game, along with Hennessey in center field and Theron Goodrich, who Messina describes as "a real great catcher," behind the plate. Either Marcel Blouin or Rocky Daley will start at shortstop. Daley, who has been ill, has seen only limited action to date.

In tournament play thus far, Casella at second base and Hennessey in center field have turned in some defensive gems.

The West has drawn well. Crowds of close to 600 attended each of the last two tournament games played in Pittsfield and close to 100 traveled to Longmeadow on Monday for the sectional playoff.

In theory, the tournament is between teams from the four sections of the state. In reality, it's Pittsfield against three representatives from Greater Boston. Arlington, Randolph and Medford are all within 13 miles of Fenway Park. Section 2 representative, Arlington and Section 4 standard-bearer Medford share a common border. It's less than 2 miles between the centers of the two towns.

Some think Mike Sweener can throw a stone farther.



UPI

Pittsfield West wins 7-0

Jay Casella of Pittsfield West gave an all-out effort in vain to reach his first base in the second inning of a game with Arlington in Taunton on Friday. Jay's sacrifice, however, brought in the winning run, scored by Mike Hennessy as Pittsfield moved into the state finals with a 7-0 victory, playing Randolph today at 2.

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Jan Tavalin

Little Leaguers win

Relief pitcher Bob Sokolowski gets a hero's ride after retiring the final Randolph batter yesterday to insure Pittsfield's West Little Leaguers the Massachusetts championship. Pittsfield won the game, 5-3, at Taunton. Another picture and story on Page 22.

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UPI Telephoto

POST GAME JUBILATION by West Little Leaguers after their 7-0 victory in state semifinals at Taunton centered around pitcher Steve Sweener as he leaves the mound. Sweener pitched a four-hitter and struck out 12 Arlington batters as Pittsfield gained the championship round. Team will play Randolph this afternoon at 2.

West LLers in state finals today

By Jan Tavalin

TAUNTON — Pittsfield's Mike Sweener made believers of 'em here in the state Little League playoffs yesterday. Pitching undoubtedly the finest game of his brief career, the 12-year-old righthander shackled an overconfident and shell-shocked Arlington team on four hits—none of them solid—as Pittsfield West All-Stars coasted to an easy 7-0 victory over the favored East Staters to advance to the state championship game to be played at 2 this afternoon.

The West Siders will battle Randolph which qualified for the finals with a 2-0 victory over Medford in the second game. Medford will meet Arlington in a consolation tilt at 11:30 this morning.

While the entire Pittsfield outfit played exceedingly well, it was the pitching of Sweener that captivated the crowd. Taking the mound against a team that had outscored six opponents 56-6 in district and sectional play, and had produced three state champions in the last five years, big Mike appeared to demoralize the suburban Boston team, displaying a blazing fast ball, excellent control, and a tantalizingly slow curve. It soon became evident that Sweener was a force that Arlington had not reckoned with.

Psychological effect

Mike set down nine of the first ten batters he faced—the lone safety was a dying infield single—and fanned seven of them including four in succession. But even more important was the psychological effect his pitching had on the perennial powerhouse.

As batter after batter found frustration attempting to deal with Mike's deliveries the Arlington team lost its confidence and then its composure. By the third inning they faltered defensively, and finished the game with eight errors.

Sweener meanwhile finished with 12 strikeouts and could conceivably have had more but he let up somewhat after his team had a good lead. Mike didn't walk a batter. Arlington's four hits included an infield hit, a Texas leaguer, and two ground singles through the hole. In no inning did Arlington have more than one baserunner.

Passed off lightly

Actually the Berkshire team was upset by an item in Thursday's Taunton Gazette.

Little League tourney scores

State semifinals
Pittsfield 7, Arlington 0
Randolph 2, Medford 0

Today's Schedule
Arlington vs. Medford (consolation) 11:30 a.m.
Pittsfield vs. Randolph (championship) 2 p.m.
(Site: Hartshorn Field, on Longmeadow Road, Taunton)

The story termed Arlington the team "considered by most experts as the best team in the state," and implied that the team was an automatic finalist. It praised both Medford and Randolph while passing Pittsfield off lightly as a team with good pitching. West coach Mike Messina and several parents were visibly upset by the story.

The West Siders looked very good in pre-game practice. They took the field, poised, confident and unawed. They went to work on Arlington in the second inning.

Mike Hennessy opened the inning with a single, stole second, and took third when the catcher's throw carried into center field. He scored on Jay Casella's infield out.

Three in third

The West Siders jumped on Arlington hurler Greg Vartanian for three runs in the third and would have had more except for two sparkling catches by center fielder Jim Lavery.

Theron Goodrich opened with a walk. After Lavery robbed Paul Penna of a hit with a leaping grab of his liner, Steve Messina singled to center, advancing Goodrich to second. Then Sweener lined a single down the right field line scoring Goodrich. Messina and Sweener moved up when the ball got by the right fielder, and both scored when shortstop Jack Lapore threw wild on Chris Trembley's grounder.

Pittsfield threatened again in the fourth. A walk to Goodrich, Messina's second single and an error put runners on second and third with two out, but Goodrich attempted to score on a pitch that got away from the catcher and was cut down at the plate.

West breaks it open

The West Siders broke the game open with three runs in the bottom of the fifth, and the Arlington defense went to pieces. Sweener was hit with a pitch. Trembley got an infield hit on a judgment error by the shortstop. Hennessey sacrificed, and when Vartanian threw the ball away, Sweener scored, and the runners went to second and third.

Trembley came home on a wild pitch, and when the catcher's throw to the plate was wild, Hennessey followed him home. Trembley bruised his knee on his slide home, and was removed from the game. However, he is expected to be ready for today's contest.

While errors played a large part in Pittsfield's success story—only one of their seven runs was earned—the Berkshire team made better contact than at anytime since the district tournament. Both Penna and Randy Taikowski had two well-hit balls caught for outs on fine defensive plays by Arlington.

Coach elated

"I'm so happy, I'm on air," said Coach Messina after the game. "This was the team to beat, according to all the statistics. Now that we beat them, we're really riding high."

Messina thought all his boys played an excellent game.

Both Pittsfield and Randolph will be going with their number two pitchers in today's contest. Southpaw Hennessey, who shut out Easthampton last Saturday, will go for the West Siders. Randolph used its ace, Kim Langway against Medford yesterday and will go with right hander Danny Webber in today's championship match. Langway fanned 11 in shutting out Medford and had a no-hitter going into the final inning.

Regardless of the outcome, the Pittsfield team will remain in Taunton for the evening awards banquet. They are due to arrive back in Pittsfield at about midnight tonight.

The score:

PITTSFIELD

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Penna, 1b	4	0	0	5	0	0
Messina, rf	3	1	2	0	0	0
Sweener, p	1	2	1	0	1	0
Trembley, lf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Blouin, ss	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hennessey, cf	2	2	1	0	0	0
Casella, 2b	3	0	0	1	2	0
Taikowski, 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Daley, ss	2	0	0	0	1	0
x-Sokolowski, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Goodrich, c	1	1	0	12	0	0
Totals	22	7	5	18	4	0

ARLINGTON

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Henderson, rf	2	0	0	0	0	1
Awiszus, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lepore, ss	3	0	2	1	1	3
Vartanian, p	3	0	0	1	1	2
LaCount, lf	3	0	1	0	0	1
Crowley, 1b	2	0	0	5	0	0
Bergantino, c	2	0	0	6	1	1
Shea, 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mulvey, 2b	2	0	1	0	1	0
Lavery, cf	2	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	22	0	4	15	4	8

x-batted for Daley in 5th

PITTSFIELD 013 03x — 7

LOB — Pittsfield 6, Arlington 4; RBI — Casella, Sweener, Trembley; SB — Hennessey; S — Hennessey

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Sweener (W)	6	4	0	0	0	12
Vartanian (L)	5	5	7	1	4	6

HBP — Sweener (by Vartanian); WP — Sweener 2, Vartanian
Time — 1 hour, 27 minutes
A—343
UMPS — Joe Kusick, Paul Ducharme, Dick Personini, Bob Laupie

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Little League

Gene Sala stroked a two-run homer and collected two other hits and John Patella struck out eight batters in three innings of one-hit relief pitching Friday to lead Burger Chef to a 6-4 victory over GE Credit Union and the second - half season championship in the East Little League.

The Burgers will play ELL first-half winner IUE Local 255 for the full season title.

John Brezniak was the losing pitcher for the Credit Union, while GE's Rick Belair went two - for - two.

In the North LL, Colt Insurance wrapped up the league crown with a 7-4 beating of Bernardo's Sunday. John Brown and Alex Pires each had two hits and teamed up on the mound for Colt to hold Bernardo's to just five hits. Pete Kellar was the losing pitcher.

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Big N captures West title

Pittsfield West Little League stars Theron Goodrich, Steve Messina and Mike Sweener tuned up for next week's Northeast Regional LL championships in Staten Island, N.Y., by leading their regular season Big N team to a 21-5 rout of Civitan to win the WLL crown yesterday.

Goodrich tossed a three-hitter for the Bigs and got three hits of his own, while Messina lashed out at Civitan's pitching for four hits, including a grand slam, and four runs. Sweener chipped in three hits, one of which was a homer.

Goodrich, Messina and Sweener and their Pittsfield West all-star teammates won the state Little League championship Saturday beating Randolph 5-3.

Burger Chef takes East LL crown

Burger Chef gained the East Little League championship Sunday by beating IUE 255 7-4 at the Benedict Road field.

John Patella was the winning pitcher, allowing only three hits and striking out 11. He also had two of the Chefs' 13 hits.

Don White was the offensive leader with three safeties, and his teammates Gene Sala, Mike Wehry and Patella had two apiece. Eight of the Chefs' starting players had at least one hit.

IUE's hits were by Bob Harrington, Bill Mason, and Dave Fiorini. Starter Tim Loftus was the losing pitcher. John Consolini relieved him in the fifth.

Burger Chef had won the league's second-half championship previously. IUE 255 was the first-half winner.

The final standings are as follows:

Burger Chef*	13	5	.722
GE Credit Union	13	5	.722
IUE 255	13	5	.722
Pittsfield Pipers	11	7	.611
McDonald's	7	11	.389
Besse-Clarke	3	15	.167
Moldmaster	3	15	.167

*won championship

AUG 6 1974

West LLers are state champs

Comeback win over Ranolph, 5-3 prelude to Northeast regionals

By Jan Tavalin

TAUNTON — The Pittsfield West All-Stars are the 1974 Massachusetts Little League champions.

Surviving a rocky start that would have discouraged many an older and more experienced outfit, the West Siders fought back with courage and coolness to defeat a talented Randolph team, 5-3 in the championship game here Saturday. The contest was played before a noisy, enthusiastic crowd of 667, including more than 200 fans from the Pittsfield area.

The Pittsfield team now advances to the Northeast Regional single-elimination tournament, to be played at Staten Island, N.Y., the week of Aug. 12. But regardless of how the West Siders fare in future tournament activity, it will be a long time before their followers forget the way the team performed against two highly touted Boston-area teams.

Rude beginning

After advancing to the final round with a convincing 7-0 win over favored Arlington, the West All-Stars were rudely greeted by the hard-hitting bats of Randolph.

Starter Mike Hennessey faced six batters in the first and each one reached base. But for some reckless base running, Randolph would certainly have scored more than its three runs and might have put the game out of reach.

Jim Oberlander led off with a double — a hard hit shot to left field — but was cut down at third, trying to steal, on a strike from catcher Theron Goodrich. Then Jay Nigrosh and Scott Farber stroked back-to-back singles, and when left-fielder Chris Trembley bobbled Farber's hit, Nigrosh scored and Farber took second. Kim Langway walked, and Jay Warshaw hit a bullet to right that Steve Messina couldn't quite reach. Nigrosh scored on the hit, but Langway held up halfway between first and second to see if the ball would be caught, and Warshaw passed him on the base paths and was automatically out.

Pitching change

When John Fahey belted a single to right, scoring Langway, Pittsfield coach Mike Messina yanked Hennessey and inserted reserve Scott Tobler in his place. The move turned out to a good one in two respects. Tobler pitched 3⅓ innings of effective ball before leaving due to soreness in his right arm. Hennessey, who moved to center field, played excellent defensively, coming up with two great plays in clutch situations.

Meanwhile, the big West machine began to peck away at Randolph's fast-balling right-hander, Danny Webber. Steve Messina was hit by a pitch, took second on a balk, advanced to third on Trembley's line single over third, and came around to score when left-fielder Farber momentarily juggled the ball.

Then little Jay Casella opened the bottom of the second inning with a home run over the left-field fence. The round-tripper, his second in tournament play, was held back by the wind and barely cleared the barrier, 200 feet away.

Tobler had pitched out of a jam in the top of the second, thanks to a defensive gem by Hennessey. Gerry Curran singled and Dan Meagher was hit by a pitch to open the frame. After Oberlander forced Curran at third, Nigrosh lined a single to center. Meagher attempted to score from second but was gunned down by a mile at the plate on a perfect throw from Hennessey to Goodrich. The play was a definite turning point in the game. The hit was Randolph's seventh in an inning and two-thirds . . . but it was to be their last.

The East Staters did have an opportunity in the third. With two out, a walk and a throwing error by shortstop Mike Sweener put runners on second and third. Curran got hold of a Tobler fast ball and sent it to deep center field, but Hennessey, running towards the fence, made a leaping catch, snaring the ball in the webbing of his glove.

Tobler developed soreness in his pitching arm at this point. But he put the side out in order in the fourth, pitching strictly on guts and an effective change-up. Unable to throw the ball with any velocity at this point, he reluctantly gave way to Bob Sokolowski, who pitched hitless ball for the final two innings.

Big home run

The West Siders were trailing 3-2 when Paul Penna put them ahead for good in the bottom of the fourth with a two-run home-run over the right center-field fence. Goodrich, who had walked, scored ahead of him. The home run ended a frustrating state tournament for Penna, who had been retired in his first six times at bat, despite hitting the ball very well on three occasions.

Pittsfield picked up another run in the fifth. Sweener singled and took second on a passed ball. After Trembley and Hennessey were retired, Casella walked on four pitches. Randy Taikowski stroked a long drive to right center that fell just in front of the fence. Sweener scored easily from third, but when Casella tried to follow he was put out on a good throw from right-fielder Curran.

The Pittsfield team broke into a wild celebration that lasted for several minutes after the last man was retired in the sixth. Later, after posing for a team picture, the youngsters graciously accepted the congratulations of parents, fans and the Randolph team.

One East State observer appeared rather surprised at the caliber of play by the Berkshire team. A Pittsfield man summed it up in four words when he answered, "They played like champions."

Tournament Tidbits: The Pittsfield team was cool and confident throughout the tournament, but not the coaches. Head coach Messina was a bundle of nerves during the championship game. "I haven't been this nervous since I was married," remarked Messina in the late innings. When Tobler developed a sore arm, Messina remarked, "If we win this, I'm Houdini." Assistant coach Wayne Goodrich and an Eagle reporter were also on edge. Goodrich never lost confidence in the boys. "We'll get the runs back, if we can only hold them," he told them after Randolph scored three in the first.

No all-tournament team was chosen. The opinion here is that any all-tourney team would have to have Mike Sweener and Randolph's Kim Langway as the pitchers. Both were supreme in the semifinals but not eligible to pitch Saturday. Pittsfield's Theron Goodrich was the best catcher among the four teams. Other choices include an infield of Pittsfield's Jay Casella and Randolph's John Fahey at the keystone positions. Randolph's Jay Warshaw and Jay Nigrosh at the corners. Pittsfield's Mike Hennessey and Steve Messina, Medford's Al Longo and Arlington's Jim Lavery were the best outfielders we saw.

Seventy-four-year-old Stuffy McGinnis of Pittsfield, a long-time Little League follower and Flea League coach accurately predicted the final score before the game.

The Eagle and the Taunton Gazette were the only newspapers represented at the tournament.

There is some talk that a bid will be made to have the 1975 state tournament in Pittsfield, but according to league president Francis McDonald, a lot of discussion and plans are necessary before a bid becomes a reality.

State-tournament director George Barardi umpired the championship game from behind the plate.

Arlington won the consolation game, defeating Medford, their neighbor, 4-3 in eight innings.

Tobler and Sokolowski were making their initial All-Star appearances on the mound. It was the first time in seven games that coach Messina had to go to his bullpen, Sweener and Hennessey compiling six complete games.

The boys were feted at an awards banquet at The Taunton VFW Saturday night. Coaches Messina and Goodrich accepted the state-championship torphy for Pittsfield. Addressing the audience, Messina said he ws "especially proud because of the three fine teams we had to beat out to win this." He added "I'd like to share this trophy with everyone in this room."

Pittsfield will open their Northeast tournament play against the Vermont State champions on Tuesday Aug. 13 at 3 p.m. If the local boys win their opener, they will meet Maryland. The next day, also at 3 p.m.

Coach Messina had praise for Randolph hurler Danny Webber. He felt Webber's fast ball was the best his team had faced thus far. Yet the right-hander only struck out two Pittsfield batters.

The score:

PITTSFIELD

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Penns, 1b	3	1	1	5	0	0
Messina, rf	2	1	0	2	0	0
Sweener, ss	3	1	2	0	3	1
Trembley, lf	3	0	1	0	0	1
Hennessey, p-cf	3	0	1	2	1	0
Casella, 2b	2	1	1	1	1	0
Taikowski, 3b	2	0	1	2	0	0
Blouin, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tobler, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
Sokolowski, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Goodrich, c	1	1	0	6	1	0
Totals	21	5	7	18	7	2

RANDOLPH

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Oberlander, ss	4	0	1	3	2	0
Nigrosh, 3b	3	1	2	0	3	0
Farber, lf	2	1	1	1	0	1
Langway, c	2	1	0	3	0	0
Warshaw, 1b	3	0	1	6	0	0
Fahey, 2b	1	0	1	2	3	0
Webber, p	3	0	0	0	1	0
Curran, rf	3	0	1	0	1	0
Meagher, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	3	7	15	10	1

PITTSFIELD 110 21x—5
RANDOLPH 300 000—3

LOB — Pittsfield West 5, Randolph 7; RBI — Warshaw, Fahey, Penna-2, Casella, Taikowski; 2B — Taikowski, Oberlander; HR — Casella, Penna.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Hennessey	⅔	5	3	3	1	0
Tobler (W)	3⅓	2	0	0	1	4
Sokolowski (S)	2	0	0	0	2	1
Webber (L)	5	7	5	4	3	2

HBP — Messina (By Webber), Meagher (By Tobler); WP — Hennessey; BALK — Webber; PB — Langway.
T — 1 hour, 27 minutes.
A — 667
Umpires: George Barardi (PI), Ron LaPoint, Joe Kusick, Dick Enos.



Jan Tavalin

NO. 1 IN MASSACHUSETTS after winning state championship game yesterday at Taunton, the Pittsfield West Little Leaguers happily posed for the cameraman in the midst of celebration.

State champs greeted upon return to city

The state champion West Little League all-star team was greeted by a contingent of fans and parents upon its return to the city last night.

An estimated 40 cars formed a cavalcade from the city line to City Hall when the team returned at approximately 11:45 p.m. from Taunton.

A fire truck and two police cruisers led the line of celebrators. There was much applause and congratulating. Coach Mike Messina expressed the appreciation of the team in remarks on the steps of City Hall. Little League president Fran McDonald also spoke.

Several signs were displayed, including those reading "State Champs" and "All the Way."

Among the organizers of the reception were Mrs. Erma Ringie of 49 South John St., John Sokolowski of 59 Harris St., and Barbara Jean Goodrich of 18 Dean Place.

Mayor Evan Dobelle, who missed the celebration because he was returning to the city himself last night, proclaimed today as West Little League day throughout the city.

SPORTS

West Little Leaguers to bat against Feller

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The Pittsfield West Little League All-Stars will be the guests of the Pittsfield Rangers tomorrow afternoon at Wahconah Park for the local club's doubleheader with Three Rivers. The Little Leaguers will get a chance to hit against former Cleveland pitcher and Hall of Famer Bob Feller between the games of the twin bill.

Mayor Evan Dobelle also will bat against the ex-American Leaguer. Dobelle will throw out the first ball. Tomorrow will be Veterans of Foreign Wars Day at the ball park. Feller will pitch for home-run hitting contests for the players between games and before tonight's Ranger-Three Rivers contest at Bleeker Stadium, Albany.

Game time tonight at Albany will be 8 o'clock. The twin bill tomorrow will start at 1.

The board of directors of the Pittsfield Little League voted unanimously last night to honor the West team at a city-wide banquet when the team completes its season. The exact date is uncertain due to the continuance of tournament play.

Bernardo's, TK, Elks, Civitan LL victors

Bernardo's Variety and the Elks of the North League, Civitan Club of the West and Tank Shop of the South gained the semifinal round of the annual Little League round-robin tournament Saturday.

Bernardo's eliminated IUE 255 (East), 20-2, at the Benedict Road field. Tom Wojtkowski had four hits. Glenn Barcher and John Howe three for the winners. Pete Kellar and Barcher shared the pitching duties with Kellar gaining the win. Mike Torchio had three-for-three in defeat.

Elks beat Gull Oil (West) 6-1 as winning pitcher Ray Charon drilled a pair of triples and Fran Plankey rapped a home run and a single. Billy Hennessy led the Oilers with a pair of safeties.

Civitan edged East Side Pizza (South) 11-10. Ron Moody, who had two hits, was the winning pitcher. The winners had 11 hits to East Side's 10.

Joh Pollander belted three doubles and a single and John Makowski hurled a 13-strikeout, two-hitter as Tank Shop downed GE Credit Union (East) 8-1. John Brezniak rapped a triple for the losers.

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Tank Shop, Elks in LL final round

Tank Shop of the South League and the Elks of the North gained the finals of the Little League round-robin tournament by winning last night. The title will be determined Wednesday night at Deming Field.

TK thrashed Civitan 20-3 behind the yeoman efforts of Andy Amuso. Elks downed Bernardo's Variety 11-5.

Amuso not only pitched a three-hitter and fanned 13, but he slammed five hits. Included in his outburst was a home run, triple, and three singles. John Pollander also belted a homer and single, for TK. Dave Farley, John Broderick, and Bill Curley had the Civitan hits.

Ray Charow had three hits, including a home run, as the Elks tripped Bernardo's. Jim Greenleaf chipped in with two hits and three RBIs. Mike Winston was the winning pitcher, limiting the losers to five hits.

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The Berkshire Eagle



Mark Mitchell

A GROUP OF GOOD FELLERS got together between games of the Rangers' doubleheader at Wahconah Park yesterday. Members of the West Little League all-star team, state champions, met Hall of Famer Bobby Feller. Kids batted against the one-time Cleveland teenage sensation in special promotion. The players are: front row (from left) Theron Goodrich, Steve Messina, Marcel Blouin, Jay Casella, Bob Sokolowski; second row (same order) Paul Penna, Chris Tremblay, Feller, Rocky Daley, Dave Bednarczyk; Third row (same order) Scott Tobler, Mark Ringie, Mike Hennessy, Mike Sweener, Randy Taikowski.

West off to Staten Island and Eastern LL tournament

By Jan Tavalin

Righthander Bob Sokolowski will be on the mound when the Pittsfield West All-Stars open their Eastern Regional Little League Tournament play tomorrow afternoon at 3, against Essex Junction, Vt.

West coach Mike Messina named Sokolowski as his starting pitcher before the Massachusetts champions left via chartered bus this morning, for Staten Island, N.Y., site of the six-day, single elimination event.

Messina is counting on Sokolowski to carry his team through the opening round, so he can start Mike Sweener against Maryland on Wednesday. Maryland traditionally fields one of the strongest teams in the tournament, while Vermont, which has only 24 leagues in the entire state, rarely has a championship contender.

Sokolowski will be seeing mound action for only the second time in this year's tournament play, but his debut was most impressive.

Saw service

Bob pitched the final two innings in the state championship game against Randolph. Keeping the ball low, around the knees, he set down the East State team without a hit. He struck out one, retired two on opposite field fly balls, and the other three batters on routine grounders. He experienced some early control problems, walking two batters in the fifth, but settled down and received a hero's ride at the end of the game.

Scott Tabler, who had earlier pitched 3 1/3 innings of effective ball against Randolph, is still experiencing some soreness in his arm, but may be available for relief duty if necessary.

With Sokolowski replacing Mike Hennessy in the starting rotation, Coach Messina will be able to start his best defensive alignment. Hennessy is a premier centerfielder, who teams with Steve Messina in right and Chris Trembley in left to give the West team three excellent outfielders all with good arms and excellent judgment on fly balls.

Those who have followed the team throughout the tournaments are especially boastful of the keystone combination of Jay Casella at second and Sweener at short, but first baseman Paul Penna and Randy Taikowski at third are both steady fielders. Catcher Theron Goodrich was generally regarded as the best receiver to play in the state tournament.

Team statistics

Perhaps the team's biggest asset is the team's ability to hit with consistancy. Six of the regulars are hitting .300 or better, a seventh has hit well enough to be included in that group and virtually every player has shown the ability to make good contact with just about any kind of pitching. Only once in tournament play did more than four West batters strike out in a game. Against Arlington, in the state semifinals, six went down on strikes, but four were caught looking.

Sweener, with a .600 batting average (including 11 hits in his last 16 at-bats) leads the team, followed by Taikowski (.375) Messine (.357) Casella (.333) Trembley (.314) and Hennessy (.300). Penna, who has had several line drives and sharp grounders caught during the last few games, is hitting a deceiving .273.

Sweener continues to lead in most pitching statistics. The strong-armed righthander has allowed but 15 hits and 10 walks in 24 innings, while striking out 38. He has allowed but three earned runs in four complete six-inning games.

Coach Messina remains optimistic about his team's chances, dispite the higher level of competition. "If the kids hold together the way they have, we should be all right," he said.

If the West Siders defeat the Vermont champs tomorrow, they will play Maryland in the quarterfinals Wednesday at 3 p.m. If they lose, they will meet the loser of the New Hampshire-Maine game, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

TOURNAMENT TIDBITS: West Little League President Bob Casella feels that only a scanty turnout will be on hand for tomorrow's contest. "But if they win," he said, "we'll have a big crowd here Wednesday."

Coach Messina is particularly concerned about Maryland. "We really don't have a line on any team," he noted, "but the league directors spoke of them (Maryland) very highly."

Barring last-minute arrangements, none of the games will be broadcast back to Pittsfield, but WBEC sports director Bill Graulty says his station will be receiving reports directly from Staten Island during the tournament.

The regionals return to Staten Island after a nine-year ab-

Pittsfield West tournament stats

Hitting	AB	R	H	HB	RBI	PCT.
Mike Sweener	20	8	12	2	7	.600
Randy Taikowski	16	4	6	0	5	.375
Steve Messina	14	7	5	0	2	.357
Jay Casella	21	5	7	2	7	.333
Chris Trembley	19	2	6	0	5	.314
Mike Hennessy	20	6	6	0	2	.300
Paul Penna	22	6	6	1	7	.273
Marcel Blouin	15	2	4	0	3	.267
Theron Goodrich	12	4	2	0	0	.167
Dave Bednazyk	1	0	1	0	0	1.000
Mark Ringie	2	0	1	0	0	.500
Bob Sokolowski	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Rocky Daley	2	1	0	0	0	.000
Scott Tobler	3	0	0	0	0	.000
Pitching	**W-L**	**IP**	**H**	**R-ER**	**W-SO**	**ERA**
Mike Sweener	4-0	24	15	5-3	10-38	0.75
Mike Hennessy	2-0	12 2/3	14	5-5	12-15	2.37
Scott Tobler	1-0	3 1/3	2	0-0	1-4	0.00
Bob Sokolowski	0-0	2	0	0-0	2-1	0.00

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Pittsfield West All-Stars begin quest for Eastern Regional crown today

By Jan Tavalin

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — Those happy-go-lucky Pittsfield West Little League All-Stars opened their quest for even greater glory here at Hy Turkin Complex this afternoon.

The big West machine, which has won the hearts of hundreds of local followers while marching to the Berkshire County, Western Massachusetts and state championships in recent weeks, was scheduled to open its Eastern regional play against the Vermont state titlist from Essex Junction at 3.

The West Siders were decked out in brand-new uniforms for their debut in the Empire City. The uniforms are white with royal blue letters and trim and blue pin-striped white caps. The letters "Massachusetts" replaced those that previously spelled out "Pittsfield", as each of the 12 teams appearing here is identified by the state it represents.

The Pittsfield stars arrived at Wagner College shortly after 1 yesterday afternoon, after a crowd of about 40 well-wishers were present at Clapp Park yesterday morning to see the players off. Recreation director John Marchesi spoke on behalf of the city.

Players unchanged

As other teams began arriving from around the Northeast, it soon became apparent that the Pittsfield team would be the same fun-loving, unassuming outfit that had surprised followers by its nonchalant attitude during the state playoffs. It was all fun during afternoon and into the evening. The boys were on a holiday and enjoying every moment of it. Only on rare occasions did the discussion turn to the business so close at hand.

While such an attitude might disturb some, Pittsfield coaches Mike Messina and Wayne Goodrich felt that it's part of the team's winning formula. The boys have fun together, they play well together and take the field confident both in themselves and in their teammates. If one boy fails, the others come through.

While some of the teams at the tournament have been bragging about past accomplishments, the Pittsfield team has remained mildly confident. When asked by one facetious player if he thought his team could beat anyone at the tournament, second-baseman Jay Casella meekly smiled and answered, "Yes."

If Pittsfield defeats the Vermont team, the local boys would advance to a quarterfinal contest against Elkton, Md., at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Area of concern

One possible area of concern for Pittsfield in today's contest is the condition of the infield. While the field here has a seating capacity of over 1,000 and is equipped with lights for night baseball, the infield is quite rough with a very hard surface, which sends ground balls through rapidly. This could work to the West Siders disadvantage as their starting pitcher, Bob Sokolowski, keeps the ball low and is usually hit for an unusual number of ground balls.

The hard infield has already taken one casualty. In the opening contest last night Pawtucket, R.I., misplayed five ground balls, opening the doors for two unearned runs and a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Lindenhurst, L.I. Lefty Craig Williams pitched a one-hitter for the Metropolitan, N.Y., team. The lone safety was a run-scoring single to Mark Farley with two out in the fifth inning.

In addition to today's Pittsfield-Essex Junction game, two other contests are scheduled. Redland, Pa., will meet New Haven, Conn., at 1 and Concord, N.H., takes on Cape Elizabeth, Maine, at 5:30.

Other participating teams are from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Newark, Del., and Livingston, N.J.

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Pittsfield wins state LL title

Pittsfield toppled North Randolph, 5-3, to win the State Little League title yesterday at Taunton. Paul Penna's home run was the big blow for Pittsfield.

The win advances Pittsfield to the New England championships next week.

In the girls' championship at Worcester yesterday, Gail Whitney singled home winning pitcher Francie Sullivan in the 10th inning (six is a regulation game) to give Ty Cobb of Worcester a 4-3 win over Pierce Little League of Somerset.

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UPI Telephoto

SAFE AT SECOND is Paul Penna of the West Little League all-stars during first-round game of the Eastern Regional tournament at Staten Island, N.Y., yesterday. Penna made the bag as ball got away from Essex Junction, Vt., second-baseman Bob Hamilton. Pittsfield was defeated 4-2.

Pittsfield West's title dreams in regional halted by Vermont

By Jan Tavalin

STATEN ISLAND, N. Y. — Dame Fortune finally deserted the Pittsfield West Little League all-stars yesterday.

Plagued by poor execution in the field and unable to deliver at the plate, the Berkshire team fell 4-2 to Essex Junction, Vt., in the opening round of the Eastern Regional Little League Tournament here. The loss, the first for the all-stars in eight games spanning four different tournaments, dropped Pittsfield from the ranks of the championship division. They are scheduled to face Concord, N.H., at 7:30 tonight.

The Massachusetts state champions trailed all the way as Vermont's lead-off batter, diminutive Chris Diego, stepped to the plate in the top of the first and sent a Bob Sokolowski fast ball sailing over the left-field fence. As it turned out, it was to be Essex's only earned run as the usually slick Pittsfield defense committed six errors which opened the door to three tainted Vermont tallies.

Vermont added one more run in the bottom of the first on a walk, a muffed infield blooper, a wild pitch and Bob Barsalou's single. A fine throw from center fielder Michael Hennessy cut down another potential run at the plate to get Sokolowski out of the inning with a two-run deficit.

Fights back

Pittsfield came fighting back in the bottom of the first against right-hander Tim Grover and, but for a bad stroke of luck, might have gotten back into the ball game. Paul Penna and Steve Messina led off with back-to-back singles. With Mike Sweener at the plate a Grover fast ball was low in the dirt and Penna broke for third. When catcher Barsalou's throw got through third-baseman Dick Hamner, Penna scored while Messina took second. When the ball continued through the legs of left-fielder Tony Lareau Messina went to third and was waved home. A press photographer attempting to get a close shot on a possible play at the plate, moved in and collided with Messina and knocking him off balance. Steve was retired at the plate and the rally was thwarted.

The West Siders were to have other opportunities. They placed the lead-off batter on base in five of the six innings but the boys were to find increasing difficulty solving the sidearm slants of Grover, who became more effective as the game progressed. Displaying a beautiful slow curve and a cross-fire that repeatedly nicked the outside corner, the Vermont hurler retired 10 Pittsfield players on strikes, getting the usually potent Jay Casella three times.

Pittsfield threatened in the second as Chris Tremblay poked a lead-off double down the right-field line. Grover retired the next three batters in order to end the threat.

West Siders threaten

The West Siders had something started in the third when Sokolowski drew a lead-off walk and, with one out, Messina drove a single through the box. But again misfortune struck. Sweener hit a grounder toward the first-base hole, but the ball skipped on the hard infield and hit Messina heading for second. The runner was declared out and moments later Grover pitched out of trouble by retiring Hennessy on a fielder's choice play.

Meanwhile Essex Junction extended its lead to 3-1 in the top of the third. With two out, Lareau singled and took second when the ball was booted in right field. Shalish Kaushal singled to center sending Lareau to third. When Hennessy elected to run the ball in to the infield, Lareau broke for the plate. Hennessy's throw was in plenty of time but over the head of catcher Theron Goodrich and Lareau scored on the error.

Vermont made it 4-1 in the fifth when John Christiansen singled, took second on an infield out, stole third and scored on Randy Taikowski's throwing error on Kaushal's grounder.

Final chance

Pittsfield had a final opportunity in the sixth as Grover, tiring, walked Sweener, Marcel Blouin and Taikowski to load the bases. With Mark Ringie at bat a wild pitch sent Sweener home and put the tying runs in scoring position with two out but Ringie struck out to end the ball game.

Pittsfield coach Mike Messina accepted the defeat as graciously as he had victory. While admitting that the West Siders had their problems afield, he attributed the main cause of the defeat to, in his words, "one heck of a fine pitcher."

Messina will pitch ace right-hander Sweener against Concord tonight. Concord, touted to be one of the strongest New Hampshire entries in Little League history, was upset by Cape Elizabeth, Maine, 8-7 yesterday. Concord showed prestigious power against the Maine team but stranded 12 runners, committed four costly errors in the early going and blew a 7-5 lead in the final inning. With Sweener going for Pittsfield and Concord pitching their star right-hander, Paul Harrison, the game under the lights could be a real tussle despite its consolation status.

Stars in field

Sweener was the fielding star yesterday, not only of the game but of the day. After failing to hold a sinking blooper, he handled six chances flawlessly at shortstop including three tough grounders in the hole. In the sixth he made a diving stop of a shot off the bat of Greg Wells, then flipped from prone position to force Fred Ward at third.

About 30 Pittsfield fans were among the 542 in attendance at Hy Turkin complex. A few left immediately after the game, but West League president Bob Casella expects a handful to come down from the Berkshires for tonight's contest. The local delegation was in grim spirits last night after the game.

"It was a bad day," said Casella, "a bad, bad day."

If Pittsfield wins tonight's game it will advance to the consolation semifinals Friday at 10 a.m. against the winner of tonight's Pawtucket, R.I. - Redland, Pa., game. If they lose, it will close the book on the most successful and quite possibly the greatest Little League team to ever come out of the Berkshires.

The score:

ESSEX JUNCTION, VT.

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Diego, cf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Wells, ss	3	0	0	1	1	0
Christiensen, rf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Lareau, lf	3	2	1	1	1	1
Kaushel, 1b	3	0	1	4	0	0
Barsalou, c	3	0	1	10	0	0
Hamner, 3b	3	0	1	1	0	1
Hamilton, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
xBrady, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0
xxWard, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Grover, p	2	0	1	0	0	1
Totals	27	4	7	18	3	3

PITTSFIELD WEST

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Penna, 1b	3	1	1	8	0	0
Messina, rf	3	0	2	0	0	1
Sweener, ss	2	1	1	1	5	1
Hennessy, cf	3	0	0	1	1	1
Tremblay, cf	2	0	1	1	0	0
zBlouin, lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casella, 2b	3	0	0	1	3	2
Taikowski, 3b	2	0	0	1	0	1
Goodrich, c	1	0	0	4	0	0
zzRingie, c	2	0	0	1	0	0
Sokolowski, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
zzzDaley	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tobler, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	22	2	5	18	10	6

x—Fanned for Hamilton in 4th
xx—Safe on error for Brady in 6th
z—Ran for Tremblay in 4th
zz—Struck out for Goodrich in 4th
zzz—Grounded out for Sokolowski in 5th

ESSEX JUNCTION	201 010—4
PITTSFIELD	100 001—2

DP—Penna (unassisted); LOB—Essex Junction 7, Pittsfield 6; RBI—Diego, Barsalou; 2B—Tremblay; HR—Diego; SB—Christiensen

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Grover (W)	6	5	2	1	4	10
Sokolowski (L)	5	7	4	1	2	3
Tobler	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Sokolowski 2, Grover 2; PB—Barsalou

Time: 1 hour, 44 minutes

Attendance: 542

Umpires: DeFibough, Meurer, Mastandrea, Gooslen, Dachile and Hooker.

Eastern LL regional scores

YESTERDAY'S GAMES

Essex Junction, Vt. 4, Pittsfield West 2

New Haven, Conn. 7, Redland, Pa. 1

Cape Elizabeth, Maine 8, Concord, N.H. 7

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10 a.m. — Poughkeepsie, N.Y. vs. Lindenhurst, L.I.

1 p.m. — New Haven vs. Newark, Del.

3 p.m. — Elkton, Md. vs. Essex Junction

5:30 p.m. — Cape Elizabeth vs. Livingston, N.J.

7:30 — Pittsfield West vs. Concord.

8:30 — Pawtucket, R.I. vs. Redland.

Pittsfield West plays well but loses 5-4

By Jan Tavalin

SPORTS

STATEN ISLAND, N. Y. — It's all over for the Pittsfield West Little League All-Stars. The powerful and talented-laden Concord, N.H., team came up with three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to hand the West Siders a heart-breaking 5-4 defeat here last night and drop them from the consolation ranks of the Eastern Regional tournament.

In losing to Essex Junction, Vt., and dropping from the championship bracket Tuesday, the West Siders had what was generally conceded to be an off day. Aside from the fact that Pittsfield was also on the short end of the score last night, there was no comparing its performances in the two games.

Last night the West Siders played aggressively. They played their hearts out and, in the end, won the respect of their opponents, the spectators and the tournament officials alike.

Rousing start

Pittsfield got off to a rousing start, almost putting the game out of reach in the initial three innings, when they shelled Concord right-hander Paul Harrison for six hits, but two runners were cut down at the plate attempting to score and five others were stranded on the base paths, so the West Siders had to settle for a 4-0 lead going into the fourth.

West pitcher Mike Sweener started off brilliantly against a team that had thrived on fastball deliveries in past games. Sweener retired nine of the first 10 batters he faced with some of the hardest throwing seen thus far at the Hy Turkin Complex. As the game entered the late innings, however, Mike appeared to lose a bit of the edge off his fast ball.

Brian Smith, who had singled off Sweener in the first, led off the fourth with a double to left center. Harrison followed with a grounder off Sweener's glove that went through second baseman Jay Casella into short rightfield. Smith scored on the error cutting the Pittsfield lead to 4-1. But Mike fanned Mike Weiss, John DiNapoli and John Tarr, the meat of the order, to retire the side.

Resumes attack

Concord resumed the attack in the fifth. A walk (Sweener's first), a single and a wild pitch, put runners on second and third with two out. Then Smith lined his third hit, a single to center. Bill Manias scored making it 4-2. When Ben Potter attempted to follow, Mike Hennessy cut him down with a perfect throw to the plate.

The crusher came in the sixth. Sweener passed Harrison to open the session. Clean-up hitter Weiss went down swinging for the third time, but shortstop DiNapoli, who had been permitted to re-enter the game after being removed because of an injury, caught a Sweener fast ball and sent it deep over the left field fence to tie the score. Tarr walked and Jeff Hoadley singled him to second. Sweener set Manias down on strikes, his 12th whiff of the night. Then Potter, swinging late on a fast ball, punched a sinking fly down the left field line. Left fielder Chris Trembley got his glove on the ball but couldn't hold it and Tarr scored the winning run.

West coach Mike Messina spent several minutes talking quietly to his boys after the game. Almost half of them were in tears.

"We played the best we could and we lost," he told them. "It was all we could do. They stroked the ball like we've never seen."

Concord coach Rocky Vezina had the highest praise for Sweener.

"Coach, you've got the quickest kid I've ever seen, he told Messina after the game. "He was unbelievable." Vezina also had high praise for the West team.

"The way they came after us at the start, I thought they would blow us out of here," he said later.

Anxious to atone

Anxious to atone for Tuesday's substandard performance Pittsfield wasted no time in getting started. Paul Penna led off the game with a single and, after Steve Messina forced him at second, Sweener hit a hard grounder that second-baseman Tom Mamos muffed for a two-base error putting two men in scoring position. Hennessy singled sharply to center scoring Messina with Sweener moving to third but when Mike attempted to score on a double steal he was retired at the plate.

In the second Pittsfield loaded the bases with one out on a walk, Dave Bednarczyk's long single and Rocky Daley's infield hit. Penna grounded to short but Theron Goodrich beat DiNapoli's throw to the plate. When the ball got away from Smith, Bednarczyk headed for home but the big catcher retired him unassisted.

Messina then grounded out to end the inning with the score 2-0.

The West Siders made it 4-0 in the third on an error, a single by Hennessy and Casella's double. When Randy Taikowski followed with a walk Pittsfield had two on and still no one out and appeared on the verge of sending Harrison to the showers but the big hurler settled down to retire the next three batters and shut out the Massachusetts champions the rest of the way. Pittsfield continued to hit the ball hard however. They finished with eight hits, three by Hennessy and had several line drives caught in the outfield.

Sweener cited

There was a consensus among tournament officials and the press that Sweener was one of two outstanding pitchers in the first three days of competition. The other was Vic Valantin of Elton, Md., who shut out Essex Junction, 2-0, on three hits yesterday, fanning 15 including 11 of the last 12 batters.

Most Pittsfield fans planned to return to the Berkshires today. The team will remain here for the rest of the week with various activities scheduled including a visit to Shea Stadium Friday night to watch the Yankee-White Sox doubleheader.

The tournament moves into its semifinal round this afternoon with the championship game scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

The score:

CONCORD, N.H.

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Manos, 2b	2	0	0	3	1	1
Keenan, 2b	1	0	0	1	0	0
Smith, c	3	1	3	3	1	0
Harrison, p	2	1	0	0	2	0
Weiss, 1b	3	0	0	3	0	0
xDiNapoli, ss	3	1	1	2	3	0
Tillotson, ss	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tilton, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
xxTarr, rf	1	1	0	0	0	0
Munson, cf	1	0	0	2	0	0
Hoadley, cf	2	0	1	2	0	0
Manias, 3b	2	1	0	1	1	1
Boone, lf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Potter, lf	2	0	2	0	0	0
Totals	24	5	7	18	8	2

PITTSFIELD WEST

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Penna, 1b	3	0	1	2	0	0
Messina, rf	4	1	0	2	0	0
Sweener, p	4	1	0	0	0	0
Hennessy, cf	3	1	3	0	1	0
Casella, 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1
Taikowski, 3b	2	0	1	0	0	0
Goodrich, c	2	1	0	13	0	0
Bednarczyk, lf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Tremblay, lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daley, ss	3	0	1	0	0	0
Blouin, ss	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	4	8	*17	1	1

x — Re-entered the game striking out for Tillotson in 4th
xx — Fanned for Tilton in 4th
*— Two out when winning run scored

Concord, N.H.	000 113—5
Pittsfield	112 000—4

LOB — Concord 3, Pittsfield 8; RBI — Casella 2, DiNapoli 2, Hennessy, Penna, Smith, Potter; 2B — Casella, Smith, Potter; HR — DiNapoli; SB — Goodrich

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Harrison (W)	6	8	4	2	3	1
Sweener (L)	5⅔	7	5	4	3	12

WP — Sweener 2; PB — Goodrich; Time — 1 hour, 33 minutes; A — 348

Elks team round-robin LL champ

The Elks team of the North League captured the Little League round-robin tournament last night by beating Tank Shop of the South, 3-2.

Outstanding pitching by Elks' Ray Charow and Bill Aldam, who combined on a five-hitter, and TK's John Makowski and P.J. Yerrick, who totaled 17 strikeouts between them, was the game's highlight.

Mike Winston had three hits' and Fran Plankey, two for the winners. Andy Amuso, Tim Alabosek and Yerrick had three of the TK hits.

Eastern LL tourney info

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Concord, N.H., 5, Pittsfield West 4
Lindenhurst, N.Y., 3, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 2
New Haven, Conn., 9, Newark, Del. 7
Elkton, Md., 2, Essex Junction, Vt., 0
Livingston, N.J., 7, Cape Elizabeth, Maine, 4

SEMIFINALS TODAY

1 p.m. — Lindenhurst, N.Y., vs. New Haven, Conn.
5:30 p.m. — Elkton, Md., vs. Livingston, N.J.

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Welcome slated for All-Stars

A welcome-home celebration for the Pittsfield West Little League All-Stars, the Massachusetts champions, has been scheduled for 3 tomorrow afternoon on the steps of City Hall. Mayor Evan Dobelle will be present to meet the team on its return from Staten Island, N.Y., where it competed in the Eastern Regional tournament.

The local players have been at Staten Island since Monday. They lost games to Essex Junction, Vt., Tuesday, and to Concord, N.H., Wednesday. The defeats eliminated them from the tournament but they remained in the area to go sight-seeing and for the New York Yankees-Chicago White Sox game tonight at Shea Stadium.

The All-Stars will have a police escort in from the Pittsfield-Lenox town line.

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Little Leaguers to get welcome home at 3 p.m.

Mayor Evan Dobelle will be on hand this afternoon to lead the plaudits for the West Little League all-star team as it returns from the Eastern regional tournament at Staten Island, N.Y.

The welcoming ceremonies are scheduled for City Hall at 3 p.m.

A motoreade, forming at the old Wilson's Garden Center site, will accompany the team into the city.

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Casella perfect game leads Big N to win

By Jan Tavalin

Eleven-year-old Jay Casella hurled a perfect game, as the West Little League champions, the Big N, advanced to the finals of the city championship series with a 6-0 win over Burger Chef, the East League pennant winners, before a meager turnout at the East diamond last night.

The Big N will take on Magner's Drugs of the South League, in a game scheduled for the Clapp Park diamond tomorrow at 5:30. Magner's defeated North League title holder, Colt Insurance, 8-0, in the other semifinal contest, as Steve Moynahan pitched a three-hit shutout at Deming Field.

Casella had established himself as a classy second baseman and timely hitter with the state champion West All-Stars, but he was not called on to pitch during the four weeks of tournament play. During the regular season, Jay had been the Big N's No. 2 pitcher, toiling in the shadow of the much heralded Mike Sweener. Last night, the glory belonged to Jay.

Achieving a feat rarely accomplished in Little League, as it requires perfect fielding and pinpoint control in addition to holding the opposition hitless, Casella relied on an overhand breaking pitch that broke down and slightly away from the batter, and countered with a sneaky fast ball at the knees. Jay retired nine of the 18 batters he faced on strikes, seven others hit easy grounders to the infield.

Andy Reis had the only well-hit ball off Casella, when in the third he stroked a high fly to fairly deep right center. Center fielder Steve Messina hauled it in on the run. With one out in the sixth, Reis lifted a lazy fly to Mike Dooley in right. They were the only balls that got past the infield.

The little right-hander had a three ball count to only one batter. He fanned Brian Keegan on a 3-2 pitch in the second.

"I've never heard of a perfect game in Little League in Pittsfield," said Big N coach Mike Messina after the game. Several avid Little League followers agreed that they could not recall a similar feat in recent years.

Casella admitted that he was aware he had a no-hitter in progress, but had no idea about a perfect game until two of his teammates told him in the bottom of the fifth.

"I didn't care about the perfect game, I just wanted the no-hitter," said Jay after the game. "I was so nervous, I didn't think I could do it. I thought someone was going to break it."

Casella's masterpiece overshadowed a spectacular mound performance by Burger Chef's John Patella, the hard-throwing right-hander struck out 13 batters in five innings allowing only one run during the first four.

Sweener put the Big N ahead in the first with a home run that struck the scoreboard beyond the center field fence. Then the Westsiders added five runs in the fifth, as Patella lost his control, walked six batters and uncorked three wild pitches. Singles by Sweener and Casella drove in two of the runs.

BIG N (West)

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Campbell, 1b	2	1	0	7	0	0
Messina, cf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Sweener, ss	3	2	2	0	3	0
Goodrich, c	2	1	0	9	0	0
Casella, p	3	1	2	0	1	0
Dooley, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Gallup, lf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Catura, 2b	0	1	0	0	1	0
Cebula, 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	19	6	5	18	6	0

BURGER CHEF (East)

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
White, 3b	2	0	0	1	0	0
Sala, 1b	2	0	0	1	0	0
Patella, p	2	0	0	0	1	1
Wehry, c	2	0	0	13	1	0
Keegan, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Nesbit, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Reis, ss	2	0	0	0	0	0
Penna, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Barese, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	0	0	15	2	1

Big N	100 05x—6
Burger Chef	000 000—0

LOB — Big N 6, Burger Chef 0; RBI — Sweener 2, Casella; HR — Sweener

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Casella (W)	6	0	0	0	0	9
Patella (L)	5	5	6	6	8	13

WP — Patella 5; PB — Wehry 2; Time — 1 hour, 9 minutes; A — 148; Umpires — John Schneider, Tom Gleason

Magner's made quick work of Colt starter John Brown, taking a 2-0 first-inning lead on a two-run homer by Shane Reagan, then adding five in the second on three walks and three hits. Singles by Tom Tuggey and Moynahan drove in two runs apiece in the second inning rally. Tuggey finished with three of Magner's six hits, including a pair of doubles.

Alex Pires replaced Brown on the hill for Colt Insurance in the third and pitched one-hit ball the rest of the way, giving up an unearned run in the fifth.

Dave Luscier will be the probable starter for Magner's in tomorrow night's championship tilt. Sweener is slated to go for the Big N.

Magner's (South)

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Tom Tuggey, c	3	1	3	6	1	0
Bradley, lf	2	1	0	0	0	1
Terry Tuggey, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Reagan, cf	2	2	1	2	0	0
D. Luscier, ss	2	1	0	1	4	2
Moynahan, p	2	1	1	0	1	0
D.Stamer, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Mullen, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Cimini, 2b	0	1	0	1	1	0
C.Luscier, 2b	1	0	0	2	0	0
Murawski, 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0
M.Stamer, 3b	1	0	0	0	1	2
Rabideau, 1b	2	1	1	4	0	0
Totals	21	8	6	18	8	5

COLT INSURANCE (North)

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Brown, p, 3b	3	0	0	1	0	0
Fera, 3b, ss	3	0	1	1	1	0
Pires, ss, p	3	0	1	0	1	0
Pivero, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Mickle, rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Defante, 1b	3	0	0	4	0	0
Robillard, lf	1	0	0	0	1	0
Nichols, c	2	0	0	8	1	1
Anello, 2b	2	0	0	1	1	1
Totals	23	0	3	15	5	2

Magner Drugs	250 01x—8
Colt Insurance	000 000—0

LOB — Colt 6, Magners 3; RBI — Reagan 2, Tom Tuggey 2, Moynahan 2; 2B — Tom Tuggey 2; HR — Reagan; SB — Moynahan2

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Moynahan (W)	6	3	0	0	1	5
Brown (L)	2	5	7	7	3	3
Pires	3	1	1	0	2	5

WP — Brown 2; PB — Nichols 2, Tuggey 2; Time — 1 hour 21 minutes; A — 125; Umpires — Bob O'Hearn, Bill Wood, Bill McGowen

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West Stars lose one boy; another may be leaving

By Jan Tavalin

Chris Tremblay, starting left fielder and clean-up hitter for the Pittsfield West Little League All-Stars, has left the Berkshires to join his family in Ohio.

Chris' father, James Tremblay, was transferred by General Electric to Worthington, Ohio, earlier in the Summer.

When the Tremblay family moved to their new home, Chris, by now involved in Little League all-star competition, stayed behind so he could continue to play for the West team. During this time, he stayed with the family of Bob Casella.

After the Pittsfield team was eliminated from the consolation bracket of the Eastern regionals last week, Chris left immediately to be re-united with his family in Ohio.

With the All-Stars Chris batted .333, with seven hits in 21 trips to the plate. He drove in five runs.

There is also a distinct possibility that Michael Hennessy may be moving to the New York metropolitan area in the near future.

Michael's father, Brendan Hennessy, was recently assigned to New York City by his employer, a national supermarket chain. The family is reported to be awaiting word on whether the move will be permanent.

Hennessy, an outstanding defensive center fielder, was second on the team in hitting with a .346 average. He was 2-0 as a pitcher, with a 2.37 earned run average.

Eagle scores with Little League

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

As president of the Pittsfield Little League, I would like to compliment the *Eagle* sports department on its excellent coverage of the Little League tournament this year.

Stories on the district tournament in Pittsfield and those following the Pittsfield West Little League team through the section play in Longmeadow on to the state tournament at Taunton, and finally covering the Pittsfield team when they represented Massachusetts in the Eastern Regional tournament at Staten Island, N.Y., were well done and thorough.

The tournament was given plenty of space on the sports pages, the stories were well written and the coverage of the games was complete and accurate in every way.

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Banquet set tonight for LL champs

The West Little League All-Stars, who won the Berkshire County, Western Massachusetts and Massachusetts state championships this summer, will be feted at a banquet at the Itam Lodge tonight, starting at 6:30.

Warren Newell will be master of ceremonies. Jan Tavalin, a local sports reporter, will speak. Bob Casella, president of the West Little League, will present awards.

The banquet is being held under the sponsorship of the West Little League. While it is being held especially to honor this city's first state championship team, according to Casella, the league hopes to make it an annual event.

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200 attend dinner for West LL stars

Almost 200 parents, fans and admirers turned out at the Itam Lodge last night to honor the West Little League All-Stars, the 1974 Massachusetts state champions.

The banquet was held under the sponsorship of the West Little League. A second banquet to honor the team is reportedly being planned by city officials. The team was the first from this city to win a state Little League crown.

Highlight was the presentation of trophies by West league president Bob Casella. Each of the 13 boys was presented a trophy, signifying the team's achievement. The 14th member of the team, Chris Trembley, has joined his family in Worthington, Ohio, where his father had been transferred by General Electric. Casella promised to make sure Chris's trophy reaches him.

The trophies, about a foot and a half in height, were to have been a surprise, but word leaked out.

Featured speaker was sports writer Jan Tavalin, who had followed the team through the Eastern regionals for The Eagle.

Tavalin noted that five members of the all-star team had another year of Little League eligibility, and that they could enter all-star competition next year, with the assurance that they are champions.

The five returning members are second baseman Jay Casella, outfielder Steve Messina, infielder-outfielder Marcel Blouin, shortstop Rocky Daley and reserve catcher Mark Ringie.

Also speaking was team player-representative and longtime Little League follower Stuffy McGinnis. McGinnis called the squad "the greatest . . . most wonderful team I've ever seen." McGinnis and Jack Murphy, who was a member of the 1940 New England American Legion championship team, had followed the all-stars through the Eastern regionals.

Master of ceremonies Warren Newell also introduced George Gallagher, a local Little League umpire.

Luscier pitches Magner's to city Little League title

SPORTS

Steady Dave Luscier hurled a neat three-hitter last night, to lead Magner's Drugs, of the South Little League to a 3-1 upset of the undefeated West League champion, Big N, in the finals of the 1974 city championship series.

In a year in which the West League had reaped considerable glory, with its all-star team winning the first state championship in this city's history, last night's victory returned some prestige to the South League, which for most of the past decade has been considered the class of the Berkshires.

In pitching Magner's to the city championship, Luscier outdueled Mike Sweener. Luscier shut out the Big N on two scratch singles until the sixth, when Sweener led off with a double into the left field corner, advanced to third on an error and scored on a sacrifice fly by Theron Goodrich.

Though unable to duplicate Sweener's fast ball, Luscier pitched effectively and with good control. He paced himself well, using his fast ball to work out of mild jams in the first, fourth and fifth innings.

"I think David is the best pitcher in the city," said Magner's coach Ray Tuggey after the game. "He may not be as fast as some, but he's smart." Tuggey was not surprised that his boys got to Sweener. "They've hit everybody all season long," he added.

Magner's did have trouble with Sweener at the start. Mike used his hummer to strike out five of the first six batters he faced, but slowly ran out of gas and was plagued by frequent wildness. The big right-hander finished with 13 strikeouts, all in the first five innings, walked five, hit two batters and uncorked four wild pitches.

Sweener's control got him in trouble in the third when he walked leadoff batter Rick Rabideau. Tom Tuggey followed with a double over the head of left fielder Collin Gallup, Rabideau scoring on a close play at the plate. Tuggey advanced to third on Shane Reagan's fly to deep center and scored as Luscier outlegged an infield hit.

Magner's picked up an insurance run in the sixth as Jeff Cimini drew a leadoff walk, took second on an infield out, advanced to third on a wild pitch and came around to score when the catcher's throw got by both the third baseman and the left fielder backing up the play.

Both pitchers were effective in the clutch. Sweener pitched out of difficult situations in four of the six innings, stranding runners on second and third twice, first and third and first and second once each. Magner's left a total of nine men.

Big N threatened in the first. With one out, Steve Messina was hit by a pitch, took second on a wild pitch and third on Sweener's infield hit. With runners at the corners, the Big N tried a double steal, but Luscier cut off the throw to second and his return throw to Tuggey nailed Messina at the plate. Then, Luscier fanned Jay Casella to end the inning.

A throwing error put Casella on second with one out in the fourth, but he was stranded there, as Luscier retired Goodrich on a pop-up and John Dooley on strikes.

The West side team had its best opportunity in the last of the fifth. Gallup led off with a walk. Jamie Latura followed with a sinking drive to right center. Right fielder Dave Stamer made a fine driving catch of the ball, but dropped it as he hit the ground. He recovered, however, in time to retire Gallup on a force at second. Butch Cabula hit a seeing-eye grounder through the middle to put runners on first and second with one out. But Luscier bore down to retire Kevin Stannard and Messina on strikes to end the inning.

Stannard, only 9 years old and lacking an inch of 4 feet, came up with the play of the game in the fourth, when he made a falling catch of Tuggey's drive to left center, taking the ball while on his knees. Stannard entered the game in the first when a Luscier pitch struck the bat and the fingers of leadoff hitter Tony Campbell. The pitch was ruled a strike.

The two pitchers led their respective teams at the plate. Each had two hits, including a double.

Berkshire district commissioner Francis McDonald presented the trophies immediately after the game.

MAGNER'S DRUGS (South)

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Tom Tuggey, c	4	1	1	12	1	0
Bradley, lf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Reagan, cf	4	0	0	1	0	0
D.Luscier, p	2	0	2	0	2	0
Moynahan, ss	1	0	0	3	0	1
D.Stamer, rf	3	0	0	0	1	0
Cimini, 2b	1	1	1	0	1	0
Murawski, 3b	3	0	0	1	0	1
Rabideau, 1b	1	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	23	3	5	18	5	2

BIG N (West)

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Campbell, 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0
zStannard, cf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Messina, rf, 1b	2	0	0	2	0	0
Sweener, p	3	1	2	0	0	0
Casella, 2b	3	0	0	0	3	0
Goodrich, c	1	0	0	13	0	1
Dooley, cf, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Gallup, lf	1	0	0	0	0	1
Latura, ss	2	0	0	1	0	0
Cabula, 3b	2	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	20	1	3	18	3	2

z — Struck out for Campbell in the 1st

Magner's Drugs (South)	002 001—3
Big N (West)	000 001—1

LOB — Big N 5, Magner's 9; RBI — Tuggey, Luscier, Goodrich; 2B — Tuggey, Luscier, Sweener; SB — Sweener, Moynahan; SF — Goodrich

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Luscier (W)	6	3	1	0	2	11
Sweener (L)	6	5	3	3	5	13

HBP — Messina (By Luscier), Luscier and Rabideau (By Sweener); WP — Sweener 4, Luscier; Time — 1 hour, 44 minutes; A — 273; Umpires — Bill Wood and Ed Daley

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CITY CHAMPION of the Pittsfield Little League, the Magner Drug Store team of the South League defeated Big N of the West League, 3-1, in the final game. Left to right, they are, bottom row, Craig Luscier, Fran Murawski, Rick Rabideau, Jeff Cimini, Brad Bradley; second row, Terry Tuggey, Tommy Tuggey, Tim Sheerin, Gary Neumann, Steve Moynahan; third row, coach Ray Tuggey, Shane Reagan, Dave Luscier, John Mullins, assistant coach Al Bradley. Mike and David Stammer are missing from the picture.

LL to honor West all-stars

Pittsfield Little League officials have announced the date for a second banquet to honor the West All-Stars.

The banquet, to be under sponsorship of all four Pittsfield leagues, will be on the evening of Oct. 18, at Highland Hall on Fenn Street. Tickets will be placed on sale shortly.

The West Little League feted the 1974 Massachusetts Little League champions last week.

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Best in history?

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FAIR OR FOUL



By Roger O'Gara

ARE THE WEST All-Stars the best Little League team in Pittsfield history? They admittedly are the first Massachusetts champion the city has had, but territorial alignment in this activity has varied from year to year.

The West boys acquitted themselves well in earning state honors, but they ran into stern opposition when they met Essex Junction, Vt., and Concord, N.H., in the regional tournament at Staten Island.

Twenty-two years ago, in 1952, the Pittsfield South team went just about as far as this year's West team. That tournament was held in Naugatuck, Conn. Pittsfield South didn't go there as the Massachusetts champion, because there was no statewide event then.

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SOUTH WAS pitted against Norwalk, Conn., in the opening round Norwalk won 5-3 in a very tight game, and the following week won the national championship at Williamsport, Pa.

Eddie Connolly Jr., was the Pittsfield pitcher in that game. He worked very well. Pittsfield was in contention right to the end. We can recall Dick MacCartney hitting a ball late in the game with the bases full and two outs.

An inch or two either way would have won the contest for Pittsfield, but the torrid liner was right at the young giant who was playing center field for Norwalk. He made the catch, and that was it. We were depressed at the time, because the center fielder had the largest feet we've ever seen on a 12-year-old boy. If the ball had been hit to either side of him, we doubt whether he could have caught it. The ball would have gone for a bases-clearing double or triple.

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FIVE YEARS later, Connolly and most of his mates were members of the Pittsfield American Legion team that won the New England championship and went to the Eastern tournament at Elkton, Md.

There always has been a difference of opinion as to whether that Legion team was the best the city ever had. Some people are inclined to award the honor to the 1960 team coached by George "Red" Pleau. Pleau also handled the 1957 team.

Still, many oldsters will insist that the best Legion team in Pittsfield history was the 1940 outfit that was directed by Timmy Ryan.

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CONNOLLY went on to star as a pitcher at St. Joseph's High and the University of Massachusetts. He played professionally, making it to the major leagues for two seasons. He was 4-11 with the Boston Red Sox in 1964 and 2-1 with the Cleveland Indians in 1967. He dropped to Pittsfield of the Eastern League in 1966, and the Indians drafted him at the minor league meetings late in 1966. They sent him to Portland, Ore., of the Pacific Coast League, where he pitched sensationally. He finally was recalled by Cleveland.

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CONNOLLY TODAY is 35. He's a mutual-funds salesman for Shearson & Hamill and a partner in a beer distribution business. He is married, has two daughters, and lives at 51 Marlboro Drive.

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BILLY FRASER, former St Joseph's High and Cranwell School football star, will enter Nichols College at Dudley next month He'll be seeking a tackle position on the varsity football team and reported yesterday for early practice

Fraser will play at 215 pounds. He says that's the most weight he ever has carried

Billy is the son of former City Council president Johnny Fraser, who was a tackle at Pittsfield High 40 years ago.

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DENNIS DUQUETTE, another former St. Joseph's High star, will enter Western Maryland College next month. he excelled in baseball and football at St. Joseph's, and then took up soccer when he went to Berkshire Community College

Dennis will be following in the footsteps of his cousin, Dave, of Lee at Western Maryland. Dave was a varsity player in football and baseball there. He was graduated in June.

Western Maryland was an Eastern power back in the 1920s and 1930s, but now doesn't compete in as fast a league.

Dennis is the son of Bob Duquette, who pitched for the 1940 Pittsfield American Legion team.

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RONNIE RUSSELL, a great little basketball player at Pittsfield High in 1951, is waging a battle against cancer at the Pittsfield General unit, BMC. He has been ill since May Ronnie was an All-Berkshire forward, and played on the all-county team that competed in the district all-star tournament at Troy, N.Y He was a fine shooter He also played football, being a reserve halfback. Ronnie has worked several years for the post office. Friends who may want to visit or write are advised that he is in Room 213 at Pittsfield General.

Little League working for state tourney here

By Jan Tavalin

There appears to be a distinct possibility at this time that the 1975 Massachusetts Little League tournament will be held in Pittsfield.

Berkshire District commissioner Francis McDonald revealed last night he will ask the Pittsfield board of directors at their next meeting to consider placing a bid for next year's championship games. Several local Little League officials, including West League president Robert Casella, expressed interest in the idea after the West All-Stars won the state championship at Taunton earlier in the month.

"I discussed the matter with state director George Berardi and he was very receptive" said McDonald. "They've been after us to have a tournament in Western Massachusetts. I know for sure that we could get it, if we could work things out at the local level."

Pittsfield due

"We are certainly due," he added. "We sent the South All-Stars to the state tournament three times, and this year the West team won the championship. It would certainly be appropriate to have the tournament here next year."

If there is a drawback, it would appear to be on the local level. There would undoubtedly be considerable work involved in bringing local facilities up to the standards required to handle such an event.

"It would have to be a cooperative venture," said McDonald. He noted that while the games would be played at a single field, all four local leagues would have to pitch in with the work.

McDonald noted that while all four city diamonds are in good condition and could easily be brought up to standard, there are several other matters that could present problems.

Bleachers to seat several hundred fans would have to be brought in, concession facilities erected, and parking space created to hold hundreds of cars. In addition, facilities would have to be provided to lodge the four teams involved and adequate motel space secured well in advance to handle the hundreds of fans who would be descending on the city at the height of the tourist season.

Several local officials feel that the East diamond off Benedict Road would be the ideal site. The diamond is in excellent condition, has plenty of parking space and is close enough to the GEAA to provide a possible location for concessions. The field is also relatively easy to find.

Mayor Evan Dobelle appeared very enthusiastic about the proposal. "Hey, I'm more than happy," he said, "I think it's a great opportunity and I'll be glad to take the leadership if we can work this out."

The mayor added that in the future Pittsfield could have an even better site for the game should the city purchase the Camp Onota property. He noted that there are four beautiful diamonds at the site.

Parks Commissioner Vincent Hebert appeared more cautious. He felt it would be premature to take a definite stand until the matter had been thoroughly reviewed by the league board of directors and the parks commissioners. "Sure, I'd love to have it," he added, "but there are a lot of things that must be considered."

"We've been trying to get it down here for 18 years," said Casella. "Surely this is the most opportune time. It might be a long time before we get another state champion."

In the past, the tournament has been held in Easthampton and Longmeadow, but never in the Berkshires. The 1976 state tournament has already been set for the Lexington-Concord area as part of the Bicentennial celebration.

"It's a one-shot proposition," said McDonald. "If we are to have it, now is the time."

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Decision delayed on bid by city for LL tourney

OCT 1 1974

By Jan Tavalin

The Pittsfield Little League board of directors have tabled for one week, a decision on whether to place a bid for the 1975 Massachusetts State Tournament.

The directors were generally enthusiastic over the proposal, as outlined by district commissioner Francis E. McDonald at last week's meeting, but requested additional time to discuss the matter with coaches and other league officials who were not present.

City recreation director John C. Marchesi assured the board that the Parks Department would give them 100 per cent cooperation if they elected to proceed. He added that he saw "no problem whatsoever" in providing the facilities necessary for a state Little League tournament. The proposal would still need the approval of the board of park commissioners, but Marchesi was confident that they would go along.

McDonald noted that the only disagreement to come out of the meeting involved which field would be used for the proposed tournament. Each league director expounded on his league's field as the most logical site.

Meeting Thursday

The directors are expected to reach a final decision at their meeting Thursday night at Springside House. This would provide approximately two weeks for Park Commission approval and for final details to be worked out before McDonald presents his plan before the state board of directors in mid-October. McDonald had previously expressed confidence that the state organization grant Pittsfield the 1975 series if a suitable bid was made.

Regardless of whether Pittsfield proceeds with the bid, McDonald will propose to the state directors that the 1975 tournament be expanded to include five teams, with the host team receiving an automatic berth. Marchesi, who requested such a change at last night's meeting, felt it would provide an incentive to the city hosting the tournament to be assured of a local participant.

West the host

If the plan is adopted, the defending state champion West All-Stars would receive the "host team" berth without playing a single previous tournament game, should next year's playoffs be held in this city. This would not effect the chances of any other Pittsfield or Berkshire County team from reaching the state playoffs via the normal elimination route.

Interest in placing a bid for the 1975 state tournament was first sounded by Pittsfield officials during the 1974 state finals in Taunton. West League president Bob Casella was reported to be the initial booster of the plan.

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LL banquet attracts 275

Trophies given to champion Magner players

A capacity crowd of 275 South Little League officials, managers, coaches, players, parents and family members attended the annual banquet Tuesday night at the GEAA clubhouse.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of trophies by league president Will Altman to each member of the championship Magner's Drug Store team. Magner's also won the City League title in the playoffs.

Certificates of achievement also were presented to members of the tournament all-star team. Forty-six players who have finished their Little League careers were presented certificates of sportsmanship.

Steve Moynahan of Magner's presented awards to coaches Ray Tuggey and Al Bradley. A special award was given to official scorer Nate Geller citing his effort and dedication.

Remarks were made by Altman, Francis McDonald of the Board of Directors and banquet chairman Bill Wood. Main speaker was Jim Guinan who spoke on the elements of success.

Officers for next year are: President, Altman; vice president, Mario Tassinari; secretary, Leo Nutting; treasurer, Fran Kelley; player agent, Sig Murowski.

End-of-season bouquet

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

In sports, getting a little ink in the paper once in a while is a big morale builder for any player, be it Major Leaguer or Little Leaguer.

On Tuesday night (Sept. 24), my wife and son and I attended the South Little League banquet at the GEAA clubhouse and the officials from the president down to the coaches are deserving of a little ink for the beautiful job they did for our kids this past year.

Pittsfield should be proud of all the Little Leagues and the people that make them go each year, but from our experience, the South Little League has got to be hard to beat.

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Little League bids for state tourney

By Jan Tavalin

The Pittsfield Little League directors have taken a major step in the direction of securing the 1975 state Little League Tournament for this city.

Meeting at Springside House last night, the board voted to authorize district administrator Francis McDonald to place a formal bid for the tournament with the state organization.

Still necessary, is the blessing of the local board of Park Commissioners. The commissioners are expected to review and vote on the proposal at their regular meeting Monday night. If approval is granted, McDonald expects to place his bid with the state board at their meeting in approximately two weeks. McDonald is confident that the city will get the tournament.

"There's no doubt about it," he told the directors at last night's meeting. "If we bid for it, we're going to get it." McDonald added that the state directors felt that everyone should take a turn in hosting the playoffs, and would support the idea of holding the event in this city.

The board approved the authorization on a overwhelming 7-1 vote. Director-at-large Arthur Gwinnell dissented, having expressed concern about the cost of such an undertaking.

Directors from three of the city's four leagues reported that their coaches were overwhelmingly, if not unanimously, behind the project. West League president Bob Casella was unable to attend, but had informed McDonald earlier in the day that his league was unanimously in favor of it.

The board deferred action on which of the city's four diamonds would be used for the tournament. McDonald noted that he had discussed the matter with Vincent Hebert and that the superintendent had favored the Wahconah Park diamond due to the availability of parking, concessions and sanitary facilities. Hebert also noted that bleachers could be easily transferred from the main field to the Little League diamond at Wahconah, where as at other fields, the securing of bleachers could be more of a problem.

McDonald and recreation director John Marchesi both agreed that Wahconah Park would be the most logical site. Some of the directors, however, favored having the league set up its own concessions, rather than use those operated by the city's professional baseball team.

McDonald also reported that after conferring with state tournament director George Barardi, he feels it would be impossible to provide an automatic berth for a host city team for the 1975 tournament. Barardi has informed McDonald that such a proposal would have to go through the Little League Congress, and that such a proposal was well beyond the bounds of the present set-up.

McDonald said he felt that once the tournament is secured, the local organization should set up a committee, proceed with reserving adequate hotel and motel space for the anticipated number of persons from outside the area and establish responsibilities in connection with the tournament. It had previously been agreed that such an undertaking would be a co-operative venture between the four local leagues, with the responsibilities divided equally.

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OK is granted by commissioners for tourney bid

Another hurdle has been cleared in the attempt to bring the 1975 state Little League baseball tournament to Pittsfield.

The Pittsfield board of park commissioners, during a meeting this week, gave the Little League district commissioner Francis McDonald, final authorization to place a formal bid for next summer's games. The Pittsfield Little League board of directors had approved the proposal last week.

McDonald is expected to make the request at a meeting of the state board of directors next week He has discussed the matter with state tournament director George Barardi, and is highly optimistic of the city's chances.

"We voted unanimously to support the Little League in their endeavor," said Park Commissioner Chairman Roger Sloper last night. Park Commission approval is necessary for any such event to be held on city parkland.

No decision has as yet been reached on which Little League diamond would be used.

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Bob Montgomery will speak at LL Banquet

Bob Montgomery, Boston Red Sox catcher who was with the Pittsfield Red Sox in 1966, will be the main speaker at the citywide Little League banquet Friday night, Oct. 18, at 6:30 at Highland Hall. The event will honor the West League's state champions.

Edward Bushey will be ticket chairman. He will be assisted by the four Little League presidents, Bob Casella of West, Will Altman of South, Bob Crawford of East, and Don Gleason of North.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Messina and Harry McGinnis will serve on the awards committee. Warren Newell and Louis Russo will be in charge of publicity.

One hundred seventy-five tickets will be available for the banquet.

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Tickets available for West Stars' testimonial

Tickets still are available for the dinner Friday night at Highland Hall honoring the West Little League All-Stars, the 1974 Massachusetts champions. Boston Red Sox catcher Bob Montgomery will be the main speaker.

Tickets may be obtained at the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department Office or from Ed Bushey of 16 Morgan St. The dinner is scheduled for 7 o'clock.

1975 state LL tourney will be held in city

OCT 17 1974

By Jan Tavalin

A formal announcement that the 1975 state Little League tournament will be held here is expected at tomorrow night's banquet to honor the Pittsfield West All-Stars. State tournament director George Berardi of Woburn, who will be there to present the Bosox Club's trophy to the 1974 state champions, said this morning that he hopes to have confirmation from the state board of directors by that time.

Berkshire district administrator Francis McDonald received a favorable reaction from the board when he entered this city's bid at last night's meeting. The only other community to express interest in the games was the town of Franklin, whose representative placed a tentative bid, dependent upon his organization's ability to secure necessary facilities.

Berardi says he will attempt to get the board together tonight or early tomorrow and propose that Pittsfield's bid be accepted immediately. This would permit formal announcement at the banquet.

"I tried to stress to these other people that the banquet would be the most appropriate time to announce it," he said. "After all, it is a dinner to honor Pittsfield's first state champion team, and everyone who is connected with the Little League in the city will be there."

Berardi is confident the board will go along with Pittsfield as the site. "I think it's quite favorable," he continued. "I myself am for Pittsfield, and the others appeared to react favorably."

According to Berardi, three factors worked to Pittsfield's benefit. The directors were impressed by the facilities the city has. They felt that the site was appropriate since the 1974 state champions were from Pittsfield, and they noted that no previous state tournament had been held here.

Second member of West LLers moves from area

Michael Hennessy, a 12-year old outfielder - pitcher who played a key role in the West All-Stars drive to the state Little League championship, is moving from the area. The Hennessy family is leaving this weekend for Westwood, N.J. where Michael's father had earlier been transferred by his employer, a regional supermarket chain.

As a member of the West All-Stars, Michael was the team's third leading hitter with a .346 average. As a pitcher, he started three games, compiled a 2-0 record and 2.37 earned run average. He was considered an outstanding defensive outfielder and won a spot on the mythical all-state tournament team at Taunton.

Michael was a member of the Crosby Junior High soccer team and had previously participated in the CYC basketball program.

His father Brendan Hennessy, was an outstanding Irish football, hurling, track, and handball star in the Republic of Ireland during the 1950s. The Hennessys came to this country about 15 years ago.

Michael is the second member of the West All-Stars to move from this area. Outfielder Chris Trembley joined his family in Ohio immediately following the regional tournament.

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Steve Hawkins

WEST LITTLE LEAGUE AWARDS went to coaches and players of the state championship team during festivities last night. Boston Red Sox catcher Bob Montgomery (center) was the featured speaker of the program. Also pictured are (L-R) Fran McDonald, local Little League president, assistant West coach Wayne Goodrich, Michael Hennessy, Michael Sweener and head coach Mike Messina.

West Little League championship team honored

SPORTS

By Jan Tavalin

A crowd of over 150 persons, who turned out at the Highland Restaurant last night to honor the state champion West Little League All-Stars, heard state tournament director George Berardi confirm that the city had been chosen as the site of the 1975 state playoffs. Berardi told the gathering that the state board of directors had enthusiastically endorsed the bid submitted Wednesday by district administrator Francis McDonald, confident that Pittsfield had "the facilities, the manpower and the will" to put on such an event. "I feel that when the people from Boston see the Berkshires, they will really appreciate this part of the state," he continued.

Berardi said that the board was highly impressed with the presentation made by McDonald, especially, a letter from Mayor Evan Dobelle, who promised to back the venture one hundred per cent. He also praised West All-Star coaches Mike Messina and Wayne Goodrich as "the type of manager and coach I'd like to see on every little league team around the world. They are true gentlemen in every sense of the word."

Berardi felt that the banquet was the most appropriate time to formally announce the city's selection as the site of next summer's playoffs. He had called the board together Thursday night to finalize the selection so that the announcement could be made at this time.

Thirteen members of the city's first Little League state championship team were present at the event. They were showered with praise and recognition from a number of state and local officials.

Mayor Dobelle and Berardi presented trophies signifying the achievement to Messina and West Little League president Robert Casella. Congressman Silvio O. Conte presented copies of a speech he had delivered on the floor of the house, recognizing the feats of the West All-Stars, to each player, coach and official. State Representative Joseph S. Scelsi delivered commendations on behalf of the governor and state house of representatives.

Letters of congratulations were read from national Little League officials, U.S. Senators Edward Kennedy and Edward Brooke from State Senator Jack Fitzpatrick and from Texas Ranger outfield Tommy Grieve. Grieve noted that he had followed the progress of the West All-Stars in The Eagle and was impressed with the talent on the Pittsfield team. Grieve, who is presently playing winter ball in Venezuela, sent his regrets that he was unable to attend in person.

Parks Supt. Vincent Hebert told the group that he was expecting some of the boys "to go right to the top, just as Eddie Connelly had years ago." He expressed his confidence that the local organization would make it "long be remembered that Pittsfield was a great place to hold a state tournament."

The featured speaker for the evening was Boston Red Sox catcher Bob Montgomery, who played for the Pittsfield-Berkshire Red Sox during the mid-1960's. Montgomery facetiously compared his season to that of the West team. "We were there for a while," he said, "but for us, too, the season ended in July."

Analyzing the Sox disappointing finish, Montgomery felt that many of the ballplayers, especially the younger ones on the team, had been playing far above their expectations into the month of August and then simply "came back down to reality."

"Contrary to what many are saying, our pitching did not fold," he added. "We just ran into a prolonged slump."

Montgomery also credited the impressive finish of the Orioles and the Yankees to contributing to the Red Sox slide from a seven-game lead in mid-August to seven games out of first at the close of the season.

Montgomery said he expects the Red Sox to become active in the trading market this fall, and with the younger players returning with more experience next spring, the veteran catcher was optimistic that his team will field a contender in '75.

In answer to individual questions, Montgomery pointed to Oakland outfielder Joe Rudi as his choice for most valuable player in the American League, California righthander Nolan Ryan as the league's toughest pitcher, Oakland's Bill North as the league's best base stealer, and predicted that Texas catcher Jim Sundberg (who played for the Pittsfield Rangers in 1973) would be a "super catcher." Montgomery felt that outfielder Dwight Evans was the most underrated Red Sox player.

Rest of the world is dropped by LL

SPORTS

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (UPI) — The United States has guaranteed one of its teams will win the Little League World Series. The rest of the world has been disqualified.

For the past four years teams from Taiwan have won the championship.

Peter J. McGovern, chief executive officer and board chairman of the Little League, announced Monday that the World Series will be restricted to teams from the United States: "The international format of the annual World Series will be discontinued." He declined to state a reason.

The teams from Taiwan have won five of the last six World Series. The last U.S. winner was from Wayne, N.J., in 1970. Teams from the Far East have won seven of the last eight series with Japan the champions in 1967 and 1968.

McGovern announced the decision in a Little League newsletter. He said the move was reached "following a review and reassessment of World Series competition for children of age 12 and under."

He said the Senior League (ages 13-15) and Big League (16-18) World Series would not be affected and would be played in Gary, Ind., and Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Little League headquarters said the regional championships in Canada, Europe, Latin America and the Far East will be held as usual but the winners will not compete in the series here.

Little League spokesman George Gedon said the decision also will affect teams comprised of sons of U.S. servicemen stationed overseas and those teams from Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory.

Service teams, Gedon said, "are considered foreign entries" and Puerto Rico is "part of Latin America."

The 1975 series will be played Aug. 1 23.

Orientals regret Little League decision

TAIPEI (UPI) — Nationalist Chinese sports officials Tuesday expressed dismay and regret over the U.S. Little League's decision to limit future play to only American teams.

One said he found it hard to believe that American sports authorities, who are known to value the spirit of fair play, resorted to a practice of "if you can't beat them, ban them."

Peter J. McGovern, chief executive officer and board chairman of the Little League, announced Monday at the league's headquarters in Williamsport, Pa., that World Series play beginning next year will be limited to the four U.S. regional champions. He declined to give a reason.

Teams from Taiwan, composed of youngsters below 13 years of age, have won five of the past six Little League World Series and the last four in a row. The trend showed that the Taiwanese would continue to dominate the league in years to come.

Hsieh Kuo-cheng, a legislator and chairman of the Baseball Association on Taiwan, said the Little League decision was a "regrettable one."

He said he would appeal to the Little League for reconsideration of its decision. "A World Series with only American teams participating cannot be a World Series," he said.

He said he hoped at least that American sports authorities would permit "our little baseball players and their American counterparts to exchange visits in the future so that they can continue to enjoy competing with each other."

Sports authorities here said they suspected a ban was coming but they were still shocked that it came without any warning.

TOKYO (UPI) — A spokesman for the Japan Little League Baseball Association Tuesday regretted the Little League's announcement Monday to confine its World Series next year to teams from the United States.

Takeshi Matsui, JLLBA executive secretary, said, "We regret very much that the World Series with teams competing from outside the United States has been canceled. This will eliminate the big objective held by all the Little League teams in Japan—that of going to Williamsport for the World Series."

"We have not yet received official information about the reason for the confinement of the World Series to teams only from the United States and therefore cannot comment further," Matsui said.

Teams from Taiwan won the World Series the past four years. Japan won in 1967 and 1968.

Matsui, however, said the Little League program will be continued in Japan. He said there are about 400 teams in Japan.

"We will try to develop the Little League program with the teams in the Far East," Matsui said.

An immediate reaction from a Japanese sports writer, who did not wish to be identified, was, "is it because teams in the United States cannot win?".

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'It's our game and our ball park and we'll decide who our world champions will be!'

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Little League protectionism

On the surface of it, the decision of Little League Baseball, Inc., to restrict its world series to teams from the continental United States seems like the most reasonable thing in the world. It's absurd to have 12-year old boys fly thousands of miles around the globe in order to play a couple games of ball. For that matter, there's no reason to have boys from California or Maine travel all the way to the world series site in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. A state or regional championship should satisfy the frustrated ambitions of the most zealous stage fathers.

The fact of the matter is, though, that it was not the energy crisis or the rising fares of the airlines that persuaded the 14 elders who run the Little League to throw up the off-limits sign to foreigners. More important in the decision, no doubt, was the fact that the foreign teams have grown to dominate the games. Taiwan has taken home the pennant in five of the past six years, Japan won the two previous years and a Monterrey, Mexico, team won in 1957 and 1958. The last American winner was in 1970.

There are reasons for the success of the foreigners, especially the Asians. Many of the players come from climates where they are able to play all year round and they do just that, without the distraction of football, basketball or hockey. Another contribution to their success, according to the foreigners' critics, is that the teams from Asia are actually all-star teams, the pick of the entire nation, and not just hometown nines, like the American teams. That factor could account for the lopsided winning streak of the Asian teams, but the drubbings that the New York Mets have taken in Japan recently show that baseball skills are not registered solely with the U.S. Patent Office.

However complex the reasons behind the superior play of the foreigners, the reaction of the Little League board of directors was about as complicated as a beanball. "If you won't let me win a few, then I'll take my ball and bat home," pretty much sums up the thinking of the directors. If they were shoe manufacturers instead of Little League czars, they would probably be asking Congress to set a high tariff on the cheaper and better shoes the foreigners were sending to this country.

This kind of simple-minded, tactless decision might be excusable if it had been made by disappointed little kids. According to the LLB board spokesman, however, the children had no objection to letting the non-Americans stay in the series. The ban on foreigners was strictly the work of grown-ups.

If anybody ever needed convincing proof that grown men and kids' baseball don't mix, this Yellow Peril farce provides it. The only thing little about Little League is the spirit of the adults who control it.

Ford signs bill permitting girls in Little League

VAIL, Colo. (UPI) — President Ford signed a bill Thursday officially allowing girls to play Little League baseball.

The measure amended the federal charter of Little League Baseball, Inc., to open it officially for the first time in 35 years to "young people" instead of "boys."

Press Secretary Ron Nessen said the change was prompted by 22 suits filed this year by angry parents of girls not allowed to play, and a New Jersey Supreme Court ruling upholding their right to participate.

The old charter proclaimed as the league's purposes to instill "citizenship, sportsmanship and manhood." The new one drops the last word.

The bill was among 11 minor measures signed Thursday by Ford, bringing to 26 the number he has approved since beginning his vacation at Vail Sunday. Ford vetoed two bills Monday.

Nessen said Ford will act before a Jan. 4 deadline on a trade bill extending presidential powers to negotiate foreign trade agreements and giving the Soviet Union "most favored nation" trading status.

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Senate votes to allow girls in Little League

DEC 17 1974

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted yesterday to give girls the same chance as boys to play Little League baseball.

But in a separate action, it voted to exempt such groups as the Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, the YMCA, the YWCA and sororities and fraternities from the provisions of federal sex anti-discrimination laws in higher education.

The Little League bill, already passed by the House, now goes to President Ford. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Roman Hruska, R-Neb., struck the word "boy" each time it appeared in the Little League's 1964 congressional charter and replaced it with the words, "young people."

And the word "manhood" was dropped from a section in the charter which said that the purposes of the league were to instill "citizenship, sportsmanship and manhood."

The amendment to the charter was requested by Little League, Inc., which had been plagued with protests of discrimination. It was expected, that girls now would be allowed to play on any Little League team in the nation.

The other legislation was sponsored by Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., who said it was not the intent of Congress to extend the anti-sex discrimination provisions of 1972 education bill to youth service organizations.

The Little League bill was passed by voice vote and with no debate.

The congressional action followed a decision last March by the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Supreme Court that girls had equal rights to play Little League baseball.

Slow pitch softball loop ready to go

MAY 4 1974

Tripleheader Monday begins league season

The City Slow Pitch Softball League, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, will open its season Monday with a ~~tripleheader~~ at Lakewood Field. The program will begin at ~~6:30~~ p.m. 7pm

The Irish American team and the Falstaff Brewers will play the opener. O'Connell Cadillac will meet Fenn & Fourth cafe at 7:30; and James Jewelers will face Rogers Jewelers at 8:30.

Fourteen teams are entered. Six teams will compete in the National Divison, and eight in the American. Merritt Chapman will be the official scorekeeper, and Joe Harrison will be umpire-in-chief.

The schedule for the rest of the week:

Tuesday

Dick Joseph Auto Body vs. Berkshire Common (6:30); Eagle Cafe vs. Arace Datson (7:30); and Water Department vs. O'Connell's (8:30).

Wednesday

New England Telephone vs. Del-Gallo's Restaurant (6:30); Dick Joseph vs. Rogers (7:30); and Eagle Cafe vs. Falstaff (8:30).

Thursday

Berkshire Common vs. Arace's (6:30); Del Gallo's vs. Fenn & Fourth (7:30); and New England Tel. vs. Shedd Plumbing (8:30).

Friday

Water Dept. vs. Shedd (6:30); Irish American vs. James Jewelers (7:30).

MAY 7 1974

Irish club first softball loop victor

The Irish-Americans became the first winners of the City Softball League season by beating the Falstaff Brewers 14-5 in their opening-night clash last night at Lakewood Field. Two games had to be postponed because of rain.

Leading the winning attack were Shaun Broderick with four hits and Charlie Simonelli, Tom MacCartney, Dave Sheran and Doug Hebert with two each. One of Simonelli's was a home run. Tim Kearns and Dick Premerlani had three hits apiece for Falstaff.

Tonight Dick Joseph's Auto Body will play Berkshire Common at 6:30, Eagle Cafe will take on Arace's Datsun at 7:30 and the Water Department will meet O'Connell Cadillac at 8:30.

MAY 8 1974

Caddy, Datsun, Common nines win in CSPSL

The O'Connell Cadillac, Arace Datsun and Berkshire Common teams won city slow-pitch softball games last night at Lakewood field. O'Connell downed the Water Department nine 17-12; Arace's blitzed Eagle Cafe 14-5, and Berkshire Common edged Dick Joseph's Auto Body 7-6.

O'Connell batters had 22 hits, including three each by Jim Rouette, Mike McMahon and Paul Arrish. For the Water Department, Mike Penna, Denis Enright and Jeff Wilson had three hits apiece and Dennis Strizzi hit a home run in the losers' 18-hit attack.

Dick Boyer went four-for-four to lead the 17-hit Arace attack. Getting two hits each were Wayne Ciepiela, Ron Gilardi, Pete Salvatore and Bob Allessio for Arace's, and Dick Sweeney, Mark Reynolds and Jim Albano for Eagle.

Hitting leaders in the Berkshire Common-Dick Joseph's game were Mike Reed, Bill Pendergast and Bob Rivers for the winners, and Tony Gibson, Bruce Pivero, Jack Bartow and Mike Rocca for the losers. Each had two hits.

Games tonight are New England Telephone against Del-Gallo's Restaurant at 6:30; Dick Joseph's against Rogers Jewelers at 7:30 and Eagle Cafe against Falstaff Brewers at 8:30.

MAY 9 1974

Falstaff victor in slow pitch

Falstaff Brewers scored a run in the bottom of the eighth inning last night to win over Eagle Cafe 7-6 in the City Slow-Pitch Softball League. In other games, Dick Joseph's Auto Body trounced Rogers Jewelers 14-2 and New England Telephone defeated Del Gallo's Restaurant 11-8.

Hits by Jack Clark, Art Costa, and John Izzo brought the winning run for Falstaff. Izzo and Dan Powers had three hits each for the winners. Dick Sweeney and Mark Reynolds had two safeties apiece for the losers. Reynolds and Paul Metallo each had a homer for Eagle Cafe.

Ed Hebert had three hits: Jim White, two for New England Telephone. Bill Puntin cracked three for Del Gallo's; Jim Rotolo and Keith Dapper, two each.

Bruce Pivero, Jim Boland and Mike Caritey made three hits each for Dick Joseph's; Bob Choiniere, the same number for Rogers Jewelry.

MAY 13 1974

Softball games rescheduled

Friday night's triple-header in the Park Department's City Slow-Pitch Softball League was rained out, and the games rescheduled for tonight

Arace's Datsun faces James Jewelers at 6:30, followed by the Water Department and New England Telephone at 7:30, and Shedd Plumbing and O'Connell Cadillac at 8:30.

MAY 10 1974

Arace's wins 5-2

Arace's Datsun won 5-2 over Berkshire Common in the City Slow Pitch Softball League last night. In other contests, New England Telephone turned back Shedd Plumbers 10-7 and Fenn and Fourth Cafe beat Del Gallo's Restaurant 10-7.

Mike Murray and Dick Boyer had two hits each and Pete Salvatore a homer for Arace's. Jim Zwinglestein and Rick Reed had two safeties apiece for Berkshire Common.

Dan Giardina had three hits and Hank Barzottini, Tom Giardina, Mike Collins and Pete Marchetto two each for Fenn and Fourth Cafe. Bill Puntin had three and Pete Bassi, Jim Rotolo, Bill Hover and Tony Smachetti two apiece for Del Gallo's.

Tom Magnano, Jim White and Don Kerwood led New England Telephone with three hits apiece. Bob Martin, Mike Trudeau, Jerry Chaiffre, Darrell Shedd and Stan Greenleaf made two each for Shedd's

Two games are slated in the league tonight. The pairings are Water Department and Shedd Plumbing at 6:30 and Irish-Americans and James Jewelers at 7:30.

MAY 14 1974

Telephone team wins in CSPSL

With Frank Munn leading the attack with three hits, the New England Telephone team defeated the Water Department, 11-7, last night in a City Slow-Pitch Softball League game. In other league contests, Shedd Plumbers won from O'Connell Cadillac, 8-5, and James Jewelers turned back Arace's Datsun 7-2.

Jim White, Paul Sloan and Don Spiewak had two hits each for the Telephone team, and John Baker, Denny Duquette, Wayne Mickle and Jeff Wilson the same number for the Water Department.

Mike Trudeau led Shedd Plumbers with three hits. John Lander, Joe Markham and Darrell Shedd made two safeties each for the Shedd team. Corky Soldato had a pair for O'Connell's.

Dan McDonald and Paul Procopio had two hits each for James Jewelers. Mike Murray and Dick Wilson a pair apiece for Arace's.

O'Connell's, Common win in slow-pitch

O'Connell-Cadillac scored twice in the last of the seventh inning to down Del Gallo's Restaurant, 6-5, in City Slow-Pitch Softball League play last night at Lakewood Field. Berkshire Common beat Eagle Cafe, 5-1, and a third game was postponed because of rain.

Joe Penna, Dick Ward and Jerry Francis of O'Connell-Cadillac and Bill Puntin of Del Gallo's had three hits each to take batting honors in their contest. Jim Zwingelstein and Larry Allen with a pair of safeties and Keith Bond with a home run paced Berkshire Common. Andy Anthony had two hits for Eagle Cafe.

Tonight's schedule matches Arace's Datsun and Rogers Jewelers at 6:30, Berkshire Common and Falstaff Brewers at 7:30 and the Irish Americans and Dick Joseph's Auto Body at 8:30.

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Joseph's team rallies for victory

Dick Joseph's Auto Body scored two runs in the top of the seventh inning for a 3-2 win over James Jewelers last night in the City Slow-Pitch Softball League. In other league contests, Fenn & Fourth Cafe won over Shedd Plumbers, 15-4, and Water Department trampled Del Gallo's Restaurant 14-6.

Bruce Pivero and Mike Caritey had two hits each for Dick Joseph's, Dick Powers and John Enright the same number apiece for the Jewelers.

Big hitters for the Water Department were Mark Shaw with three and Wayne Mickle with a homer and triple and five RBIs. John Baker, Denny Duquette and Denny Strizzi had two hits each for the winners, Pete Bassi and Dick L'Hote a pair apiece for Del Gallo's.

Hank Barzottini, Dan Giardina, Mike Collins and Dick Astore paced Fenn & Fourth Cafe with three hits each. Tom Giardina and Dan Giardina had homers for the winners. Bob Martin and Gerry Chaiffee cracked two hits apiece for Shedd's. One of Martin's was a homer.

MAY 17 1974

Rogers wins 7-6 on rally

Rogers Jewelers scored two runs in the bottom of the eighth inning last night to gain a 7-6 win over Arace's Datsun in a City Slow-Pitch Softball League game. In other contests, the Irish-Americans beat Dick Joseph's Auto Body, 8-3, Falstaff Brewers pounded 25 hits in drubbing Berkshire Common 19-8.

The score in the Rogers-Arace's game was tied at 5-all at the end of the seventh inning. Arace's scored one run in the top of the eighth, but Rogers came in to count two. Joe Kamenski, Kevin Connolly, Roger Guachione and Glenn Guachione had two hits each for Rogers. One of Connolly's was a homer. Wayne Ciepiela had three hits, Mike Murray, Dick Boyer and Ron Glardi two each for Arace's.

Ray Woitkowski and John Sheran had three hits each. Tom MacCartney two for the Irish-Americans. No Dick Joseph's player had more than one hit.

Walt Pictrowski had five hits and Bud Reddington four for Falstaff's Brewers. Reddington, Tom Sinopoli and John Godey hit homers for Falstaff's. Keith Bond had three hits and Mike Reed and Rufus Curtin, two each for Berkshire Common. One of Bond's hits was a homer.

MAY 24 1974

Slow-pitch games are rained out

The full schedule of three games in the City Slow Pitch Softball league last night were postponed because of rain. Contests tonight will match the Water Department and Shedd Plumbing at 6:30, Fenn & Fourth Cafe and New England Telephone at 7:30 and Arace's Datsun and Dick Joseph Auto Body at 8:30.

MAY 21 1974

Kamienski is 6 for 6 in CSPSL

Joe Kamienski was six for six in leading Roger Jewelers to a 27-10 victory over Berkshire Common in a City Slow-Pitch Softball League game last night. In other contests, Fenn & Fourth Cafe turned back the Water Department 4-1 and Falstaff Brewers won from Dick Joseph's Auto Body 7-3.

Kevin Connolly, Ed Chandler, and Frank Gai had four hits each for the Jewelers. Connolly, Pepe Barbarotta, and Bob Choiniere smashed home runs for the Rogers team. Pete Boyd and Tony Belanger had three hits apiece for Berkshire Common.

Jack Clark had three hits, and Dan Powers and Tim Kearns two each for Falstaff. Bruce Pivero and Jim Bridges made two apiece for Dick Joseph's.

Hank Barzottini and Dick Astore led Fenn & Fourth Cafe with two hits each. Tony Stankiewicz had three for three for the Water Department.

Here are the pairings for tonight: Shedd Plumbing vs. Del Gallo's Restaurant at 6:30; Irish-Americans vs. Berkshire Common at 7:30; James Jewelers vs. Eagle Cafe at 8:30.

DelGallo's nips James Jewelers

Two-runs in the fourth inning broke a 3-3 tie and gave DelGallo's Restaurant a 5-3 triumph over Shedd Plumbing in the City Slow Pitch League last night at Lakewood Field.

James Jewelers polished off Eagle Cafe 8-3 and the Irish-Americans belted Berkshire Common 17-3.

Ken Morin and Bob L'Hote with two hits each, and Dick L'Hote with a home run paced DelGallo's. Darrell Shedd of Shedd's had three hits and Tony Paralta, Jeff Vincent and Tony Villanova two apiece.

Dick Powers, Bob Shade, Bill Gracyk and John Enright were the two-hit players for the Jewelers. Jim Albano with three safeties and Mark Reynolds with two were best for Eagle Cafe.

Charlie Simonelli, Shaun Broderick and Joe Lipa led the Irish-Americans with three hits each. Simonelli and Broderick each had a home run. Bill Pendergast rapped a pair of safeties for Berkshire Common.

Tonight's schedule is: O'Connell vs. New England Telephone, 6:30; Irish-Americans vs. Arace's Datsun, 7:30; Falstaff Brewers vs. James Jewelers; 8:30.

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Telephone rings up 4th in row

MAY 23 1974

High-scoring second innings for the home teams were the order of the evening at Lakewood Field last night in the City Slow Pitch Softball League.

New England Telephone reeled off its fourth straight win of the young season without a loss, beating O'Connell Cadillac 7-2, with a five-run outburst in the second. Ed Herbert paced the Phones' attack with a home run.

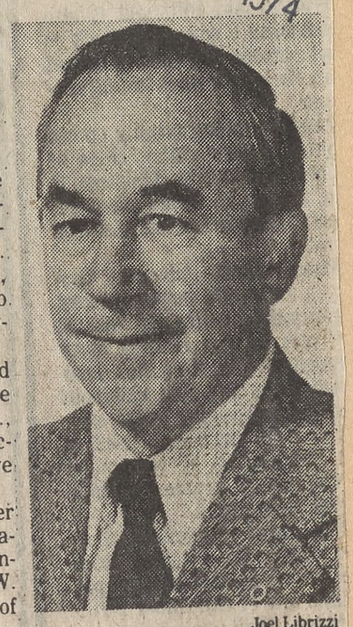
Acrace's Datsun knocked off the defending county champion Irish Americans 7-4, thanks to a four-run session in the second. Ron Gilardi went three for three for the winners, while Dave Sheran did the same for the Irish. Tony Simonelli had a homer for the losers.

Finally, a five-run second provided the winning margin for James Jewelers in its 8-3 victory over Falstaff Brewers. Nine players had two hits in the game.

Tonight in the CSPSL, O'Connell plays the Fenn & Fourth Cafe at 6:30, Rogers Jewelers meets Eagle Cafe at 7:30, the Arace's takes on Dick Joseph's Auto Body at 8:30.

Exchange Club to install and honor six 49ers

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Joel Librizzi

Earl E. Mayhew

Earl E. Mayhew will be installed as president of the Pittsfield Exchange Club at a meeting Tuesday at Itam Lodge.

Cocktail hour is at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:15.

Besides installing officers, the club will honor the six remaining 49ers: Dr. Donald C. Exford, Del P. Virgilio, Lyman F. MacDonald and Ross I Snyder, all past presidents; and Elso Zavattero and Norford L. Newton.

Other officers to be installed include: Walter Duda, vice president; Louis M. Shogry Jr., treasurer; Mr. MacDonald, secretary for the 21st consecutive year.

Installing officer and speaker for the evening will be Past National President Charles T. Ensor of Baltimore, Md. W. Stanley Cooke will be master of ceremonies.

Named to the board of directors are: Past president Louis F. Palma, Dr. John P. Herman, Walter W. Pickwell Jr., past president Martin J. Emerson; Richard L. LaBarbera and Paul A. LePage.

Past presidents Henry W. Zopf and Martin J. Emerson and Rene J. Seguin are in charge of the event.

Mr. Mayhew is employed by the C. T. Brigham Paper Co. as a sales representative.

The 49ers were a group of men who rebuilt the club after it had fallen to four active members in 1948. National sent an organizer and by June 1949 the club reached a membership of 101.

Mayor and Mrs. Evan Dobelle and Bernie Kochanowski, long time secretary of the District Exchange Club, will be honored guests.

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James Jewelers CSPSL victor on late spurt

American Division

	Won	Lost	Pct
James Jewelers	5	1	.833
Irish Americans	4	2	.667
Arace's Datsun	4	2	.667
Falstaff Brewers	4	3	.571
Joseph's Auto Body	3	3	.500
Rogers Jewelers	3	3	.500
Berkshire Common	2	5	.286
Eagle Cafe	0	6	.000

National Division

	Win	Lost	Pct.
N.E.Telephone	5	1	.833
O'Connell Cadillac	5	2	.714
Fenn & Fourth Cafe	4	2	.667
Shedd Plumbing	3	3	.500
Water Department	1	5	.167
Del Gallo's Restaurant	1	6	.143

James Jewelers scored all its runs in the last three innings to overcome a 4-0 deficit and beat Rogers Jewelers 9-4 in the City Slow Pitch Softball League Friday night at Lakewood Field. O'Connell Cadillac downed Fenn & Fourth Cafe 11-5 and Arace's Datsun belted Falstaff Brewers 10-1 in other clashes.

Fran Reardon led James Jewelers with three hits. Mando Connolly cracked a pair of home runs to pace Rogers.

Jerry Frances had three hits for O'Connell including a home run and Ted Burzimati and Dan Giardina three hits apiece for Fenn and Fourth. Dom Blasioli homered for the Cadillac club.

Mike Murray, Dick Boyer and Ed Paris were the three-hit producers for Arace's. One of Murray's was a round-tripper and Pete Salvatore of Datsun also homered. Tom Sinopoli was best for Falstaff's with two safeties.

Games tonight will match James Jewelers and Rogers Jewelers again at 6:30, Falstaff's and the Irish Americans at 7:30 and Shedd Plumbing and the Water Department at 8:30.

Late rallies fall short in CSPSL

A pair of last-ditch rallies fell short last night in the City Slow Pitch Softball League. Berkshire Common and Arace's Datsun both survived seventh-inning threats to win their games, while the Water Department took the third contest of the night without a late-inning scare.

Common led 8-1 going into the bottom of the seventh, but Dick Joseph's Auto Body erupted for five runs before the third out. Jay Drury had three hits for Joseph's, while the Commons were led by home runs from Jim Zwingsstein, Pete Boyd and Mike Reed.

The Datsuns took a 9-5 advantage into the bottom of the seventh of their meeting with Eagle Cafe, only to escape 9-7. Dick Wilson had three hits to lead the 13-hit Datsun attack. Jim Leonard had three of the Eagles' 13 hits.

The Water Dept. was easier on itself, rallying early and winning. Down 4-2 in the fifth, the H20s scrapped up three runs and held on to win 5-4. Wayne Mickle had three hits for the victors.

Tonight in the CSPSL, the Jewelers are in action with James' meeting the Irish-Americans at 6:30 and Rogers' taking on Dick Joseph's at 7:30. The third game will pit Eagle Cafe against the Falstaff Brewers.

JUN 5 1974

CSPSL resumes play tonight

MAY 28 1974

All games in the City Slow Pitch Softball League Friday night were rained out. In tonight's action Shedd Plumbing will meet Water Department at 6:30, James Jewelers will play Berkshire Common at 7:30 and Del Gallo's oppose New England Telephone at 8:30.

Close games feature CSPSL play

MAY 30 1974

O'Connell Cadillac edged Fenn & Fourth 8-7, Rogers Jewelers shaded Irish-Americans 5-4 and Joseph's Auto Body defeated Eagle Cafe 10-3 in City Slow Pitch softball games last night.

Bill Mickle led the Caddy hitters with three safe blows. Hank Barzottini, Dick Aston and Mike Arpante had two hits apiece for Fenn & Fourth.

Kevin Connolly and Pete Clark of the Jewelers each went three-for-three. One of Clark's hits was a homer. Bud Pellerin of the Irish was also three-for-three and his teammate Dick MacCartney hit a home run.

Tony Gibson and Tom Mariano of Auto Body and Dick Sweeney of Eagle Cafe each had three hits.

O'Connell's meets New England Telephone in the opener tonight at 6:30; Water Department and Fenn & Fourth play the second game. Shedd Plumbing plays Del Gallo's in the windup.

Jewelers, Shedd, NET are victors

MAY 29 1974

James Jewelers, Shedd Plumbing and New England Telephone were winners in city slow-pitch softball last night. James Jewelers mounted a 14-hit attack to blank Berkshire Common 7-0. Dick Powers led the winners with four-for-four. Paul Procopio and Bob Shade of the Jewelers each had two hits.

Shedd Plumbing defeated Water Department 12-7. Varrell Shedd, Bill Farry and Mike Wechter each had three hits for the winners. Tony Stankiewicz and Wayne Mickle each rapped out three hits for the Water Department.

New England Telephone made it five victories in a row by edging Del Gallo's Restaurant 12-11 in a slugfest. The Bellmen rang up two runs in the last of the seventh to earn the decision. Dick Roraback drove in the winning run with a single. Frank Munn hit safely three times in three trips and Ed Hebert and Bob Kerwood had two hits each for New England Telphone. John Morin led Del Gallo's with three hits. Bill Punter and Ron Stapleberg each had two hits.

Caddys, Shedd Fenn & Fourth win in CSPSL

Cadillac, Fenn & Fourth and Shedd Plumbing were winners in city slow-pitch softball last night. O'Connell Cadillac edged Telephone 3-2, Fenn & Fourth blanked Water Department 8-0, and Shedd Plumbing defeated Del Gallo's 11-5.

Mike Spellman paced the Cadillac attack with three hits. Dick Ward, Jim Rouette, and Dom Blasioli had two apiece. Telephone's Tom Smith rapped a triple.

Ted Burzimati and Dan Giardina led the winners with three hits apiece while Hank Barzottini, Pete Machette and Pick Astore had two apiece. Water Department had only two hits, one by Denny Strizzi, one by Jeff Wilson.

Darrel Shedd, Bill Farry, Gerry Chaiffre and Bob Pulaski each had two hits for Shedd while Joe Markham belted a home run. Dick L'Hote, Bob L'Hote and Jess Elser of Del Gallo's each rapped two hits.

In tonight's action the Falstaff Brewers clash with Arace's Datsun in the opener. James Jewelers plays Rogers in the second game, and O'Connell Cadillac meets Fenn & Fourth in the windup.

MAY 31 1974

Falstaff Brewers win in CSPSL

Falstaff Brewers edged the Irish-Americans 3-2 last night in the City Slow Pitch Softball League. In other games, the Water Department rolled over Shedd Plumbing 19-7 after jumping to a 13-0 lead in the first inning, and Rogers Jewelers turned back James Jewelers 8-2.

Danny Powers and Tim Kearns had two hits each for Falstaff. Charley Simonelli made two hits for the Irish. One was a homer. He scored both of his team's runs.

Jeff Wilson made four hits for the Water Department, Denny Duquette and Terry Wilson three apiece. Jim Mazzer homered for the winners. Darrell Shedd and Bob Pulaski had two hits each, Joe Markham a homer for Shedd's.

Joe Kamienski and Pepe Barbarotta had three hits each, Ed Chandler and Bob Choiniere two apiece for Rogers. Dick Powers and Al Belanger had two hits each for James.

JUN 4 1974

Rogers wins on six-run inning

JUN 6 1974

A six-run third inning gave Rogers Jewelers its margin of victory in a 7-1 City Slow-Pitch Softball League triumph over Dick Joseph's Auto Body last night at Lakewood Field. Falstaff Brewers scored in every inning in downing Eagle Cafe, 19-15, and James Jewelers turned back the Irish Americans 13-3.

Mando Connolly belted two home runs, Pepe Barbarotta one and Ed Chandler two hits for Rogers. Bruce Priverio had two safeties for Dick Joseph's.

Kevin O'Donnell led Falstaff's with four hits and Dave Melle and Bob Tucker each had a like number for Eagle Cafe Jack Clark, John Codey and Rico Costa of the Brewers rapped three hits each. Home run hitters were Walt Pictrowski, Codey and Clark of the winners and Melle and Paul Metallo of the losers.

Al Belanger with three hits including a home run, Bill Gracyk with three safeties and Bob Shade with a round-tripper paced James Jewelers. Ray Woitkowski led the Irish with three hits.

Tonight Fenn and Fourth Cafe will clash with O'Connell Cadillac at 6:30, Del Gallo's Restaurant will take on New England Telephone at 7:30 and Arace's Datsun will meet Berkshire Common at 8:30.

JUN 7 1974

Datsons set back by Common

Berkshire Common pushed across a run in the bottom of the seventh inning on hits by Larry Allen and Frank McKeever to cap a come-from-behind 11-10 victory over Arace's Datson last night in the City Slow Pitch Softball League at Lakewood Field.

The Commons trailed 7-2 after 3½ innings. Keith Bond had a home run for the winners and Pete Boyd, Mike Reed and Allen all had three hits. Denny Murphy and Brian Jones had homers for the Datsons with Mike Murray and Steve Girardi collecting three hits each.

In the two other league games, O'Connell Cadillac rolled over Fenn & Fourth Cafe 6-4 and Del Gallo's Restaurant hung up New England Telephone 9-7.

The Caddies rallied from a 5-3 deficit for their win, paced by three hits by Mike Spelman and Joe Penna. Mike Collins had a trio for the Fenns.

Del Gallo's exploded for six runs in the fourth inning of their fray with the Phones and held on to win. Dick and Bob L'Hote each belted homers for the winners while John Morin added three hits. Ed Herbert stroked a solo blast for the losers.

Tonight in the CSPSL, Shedd Plumbing and N.E. Telephone will play at 6:30, followed by Fenn & Fourth and Del Gallo's at 7:30. There is no 8:30 contest.

JUN 10 1974

Fenn drops verdict in softball

The Fenn & Fourth Cafe amassed 17 hits, including four by Ted Burzimati, three by Tom Giardini and a home run by Dan Giardini, but lost to Del Gallo's Restaurant 12-10 Friday night in the City Slow Pitch Softball League.

Del Gallo's countered the Cafe's offense with three-hit performances from Ron Stapleberg and Ken Morin and collected 11 runs with a six-run rally in the second inning and five more in the third.

The other game in the CSPSL doubleheader, New England Telephone scored seven times in the first two innings and held on to defeat Shedd Plumbing 8-4. Two-hit nights by Don Hover and Dick Roraback paced the winners. Darrell Shedd and Mike Weckter had two hits for the Plumbers.

Tonight in the CSPSL, Falstaff Brewers meet Rogers Jewelers at 6:30, New England Tel. takes on the Water Department at 7:30 and Dick Joseph's Auto Body tangles with the Irish Americans at 8:30.

Shedd's hits 3 HRs in CSPSL win

Shedd's Plumbers smashed three home runs in overwhelming O'Connell-Cadillac 18-6 in a City Slow Pitch Softball League game last night. A 10-run fifth inning highlighted the production.

Mike Wechter hit two of the homers, Gerry Chaiffre one. Chaiffre had four hits for the winners, Wechter and Bob Martin three each. Joe Penna and Bob Frezitta had three hits each for O'Connell. Frezitta and Dom Blasioli homered for the losers.

Eagle Cafe won over Berkshire Common 12-1, and Dick Joseph's turned back James Jewelers 7-1, in other games. Dave Mele, Jim Leonard, Frank Duke and John Barry had two hits apiece and John Shaughnessy a homer for Eagle Cafe. Larry Allen had two hits for Berkshire Common.

Jack Bartow cracked three hits, Tom Marano and Mark Sacchetti two each for Dick Joseph's. No James Jeweler player had more than one hit.

JUN 12 1974

JUN 14 1974

Slow Pitch League has close tilts

Berkshire Common, O'Connell Cadillac and New England Telephone won close games in the City Slow Pitch Softball League last night. The Common turned back Falstaff Brewers 3-1, O'Connell's nipped Del Gallo's Restaurant 5-4 and the Telephone team got by Fenn and Fourth Cafe 9-7.

Berkshire Common's five hits were divided among five players. John Codey with two hits and Dan Powers with one had all the Falstaff safeties. Mike Spelman and Dom Blasioli had two hits each and Joe Penna a home run for O'Connell's. Bob L'Hote and Mike DiNicola cracked three hits and John Morin two for Del Gallo's.

Dick Roraback had three hits and Bob Kerwood, Frank Munn and Paul Sloan two each for the Telephone Company. Hank Barzottini and Ted Burzimati were four-hit and three-hit performers respectively for Fenn and Fourth.

The schedule tonight is: Irish Americans vs. Eagle Cafe at 6:30, and James Jewelers vs. Arace's Datsun at 7:30.

Jewelers, Irish win in CSPSL

The Irish-Americans smashed Eagle Cafe, 15-8, and James Jewelers beat out Arace's Datsun, 5-4, Friday night in the City Slow-Pitch Softball League.

Rod Corey knocked in Paul Procopio in the first extra inning to give the James gang its win over the Datsuns. James trailed at one point 4-0. Bill Barnes tied the game with a pinch-hit RBI in the seventh. Paul Campoli had three hits and Dick Powers knocked a homer for the winners.

The Irish exploded for eight runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to break open a close 7-5 contest for the win. Tony Simonelli had a home run. Joe Lipa stroked three hits and six other Irish had two hits each. Paul Metallo and Dick Sweeney smacked homers and Dave Melle got three hits for the Eagles.

In the second game, the James gang overcame a 4-0 Datsun lead in the first inning to win, scoring the winner in the first extra inning.

Tonight, Del Gallo's Restuarant is scheduled to meet Shedd Plumbing at 6:30, Arace's and the Irish are getting together at 7:30 and Berkshire Common and Rogers Jewelers play at 8:30.

JUN 17 1974

JUN 18 1974

Shedd, Irish are victors in softball

Shedd Plumbing and the Irish-Americans won games in the City Slow-Pitch League last night at Lakewood Field.

Shedd tripped Del Gallo's Restaurant 8-3. Bob Pulaski, Brian Vincent, Jerry Chaiffre and Don Warfield had two hits each for the Plumbers. The L'Hote boys, Dick and Bob, combined for five hits for Del Gallo's. One of Bob's was a home run.

In a rain-shortened second game, the I-A's blanked Arace's Datsun 10-0. Jim McDonough, Charlie Simonelli and John Sheran rapped three hits apiece and Tom MacCartney slugged a homer for the winners. Arace's was limited to five hits.

Tonight's tripleheader beginning at 6:30 matches Eagle Cafe against Rogers Jewelers in the opener, followed by Fenn & Fourth against Water Department, and James Jewelers against Falstaff Brewers.

The standings:

American Division

	Won	Lost	Pct.
James Jewelers	7	3	.700
Rogers Jewelers	6	3	.667
Irish-Americans	7	4	.636
Falstaff Brewers	6	5	.545
Araces' Datsun	5	5	.500
Berkshire Common	5	6	.455
Dick Josephs	4	6	.400
Eagle Cafe	1	9	.100

National Division

	Won	Lost	Pct.
New England Tel.	7	3	.700
O'Connell Cadillac	7	4	.636
Shedd Plumbing	5	5	.500
Water Department	4	5	.444
Fenn & Fourth Cafe	4	5	.444
Del Gallo'sRest.	3	8	.273

JUN 20 1974

Woitkowski hits 2 HRs in CSPSL

Former Pittsfield High star athlete Ray Woitkowski homered twice for the Irish-Americans in their 7-4 victory over Berkshire Common in a City Slow-Pitch Softball League game last night.

In other contests, Falstaff Brewers won from Dick Joseph Auto Body 5-4 and James Jewelers turned back Eagle Cafe 11-8.

Pittsfield High baseball coach Bud Pellerin also hit two round-trippers for the Irish-Americans. Tony Belanger had three hits, Mike McKeever two for Berkshire Common.

Jack Clark and Dick Premerlani cracked three hits each for Falstaff; Mike Rocca, two for Dick Joseph's.

James Jewelers scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth in their win over Eagle Cafe. Paul Campoli had three hits; Dick Powers, Al Belanger, Bob Shade and Bill Barnes, two apiece for James Jewelers. Dick Sweeney and Dave Melle had three each for Eagle Cafe.

Three games are slated for tonight. The pairings are as follows: Water Department vs. Shedd Plumbing; New England Telephone vs. O'Connell Cadillac; Dick Joseph's Auto Body vs. Arace's Datsun.

JUN 21 1974

Joseph's crushes Datsun

Dick Joseph's Auto Body hammered out a 14-2 beating of Arace's Datsun last night in the third game of the City Slow-Pitch Softball League at Lakewood Field.

The Bodies scored three times in the first and fifth innings and rubbed it in with a seven-run outburst in the seventh. Lyn Frish, Jim Boland, Tom Marano and Ron Kinnas paced the 14-hit Auto attack with two hits each. Mike Rocca added a home run for the winners. Ron Gilardi went three-for-three for Arace's.

In the other two CSPSL games, the Water Department scored three times in the last two innings to sneak past Shedd Plumbing 4-2 and O'Connell Cadillac rallied for three in the bottom of the seventh to hand up New England Telephone 5-4.

Wayne Mickle led the Water Dep't. with a pair of hits, while the Plumbers' Mike Trudeau had three safeties. Mike Spelman and Tom Reed had two hits for the Caddies and Tom Smith, Jim White and Don Spiewak had two for the Telephones.

The schedule for tonight finds the Datsuns playing Rogers Jewelers at 6:30, Shedd and Fenn & Fourth Cafe at 7:30, and Water and Del Gallo's Restaurant at 8:30.

JUN 24 1974

Slow-pitch tripleheader

Three games will be played tonight in the City Slow-Pitch Softball League.

Berkshire Common and James Jewelers meet at 6:30, Shedd Plumbing and New England Telephone at 7:30, and Rogers Jewelers and the Irish-Americans at 8:30.

Friday's tripleheader was rained out.

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Woitkowski, Simonelli hit hard

Ray Woitkowski and Charley Simonelli had five hits each as they led the Irish-Americans to a 27-2 win over Rogers Jewelers last night in a City Slow-Pitch Softball League game. Tony Simonelli hit three home runs for the Irish.

In other contests, Shedd Plumbing beat New England Telephone, 5-3, and James Jewelers shaded Berkshire Common 2-1.

Simonelli and Bud Pellerin had four hits apiece for the Irish-Americans. Shaun Broderick also homered for the Irish. Joe Kamienski and Bing Miller had two hits, Mando Connolly a homer for Rogers.

Darrell Shedd, Bob Pulaski and Bob Martin had two hits each and Mike Trudeau three for Shedd's. Don Hover, Jim White and Don Spiewak had two hits apiece for New England Telephone.

Hits by Bill Gracyk, Dan MacDonald and John Enright produced the winning run for James Jewelers. Paul Procopio had two hits for James. No Berkshire Common player had more than one hit.

JUN 26 1974

Slow-Pitch slate resumes with 3 games

The City Slow-Pitch Softball League schedule will resume tonight with three games after last night's postponements because of rain.

Del Gallo's Restaurant and Fenn and Fourth Cafe will open the program at 6:30. Games between Shedd Plumbing and O'Connell Cadillac, and Arace's Datsun and Dick Joseph Auto Body will follow.

JUN 27 1974

Rally in 7th wins 10-9 for Fenn

A six-run rally in the bottom of the seventh inning won 10-9 for Fenn and Fourth Cafe over Del Gallo's Restaurant last night in the City Slow-Pitch Softball League. Hank Barzottini drove in the winning run.

In other games, Arace's Datsun defeated Dick Joseph's Auto Body, 11-7, and Shedd Plumbers overwhelmed O'Connell - Cadillac 15-1.

Ted Burzamati had three hits, Ed Barzottini two for Fenn & Fourth. Jesse Elser had three hits, Dick L'Hote, Bob L'Hote, Keith Dapper and Larry Jones, two apiece for Del Gallo's. Each of the L'Hote brothers cracked home runs.

Dick Boyer and Brian Jones made three hits each and Dick Wilson a homer for Arace's. Mike Rocca had two hits for Dick Joseph's.

Darrell Shedd and Mike Wechter had three hits each, and Wechter, Mike Trudeau and Gerry Chaiffre homered for Shedd. No O'Connell player had more than one hit.

Fenn & 4th wins CSPSL game in 10th

JUL 1 1974

Fenn & Fourth Cafe scored two runs in the top of the 10th inning to win over New England Telephone 11-9 in a City Slow-Pitch Softball League game Friday night. Dan Giardina drove in the winning run.

In other contests, James Jewelers edged the Irish-Americans 6-5 and Eagle Cafe turned back Rogers Jewelers 11-9.

Mike Collins had four hits; Giardina, Hank Barzottini and Dick Astore, three each for Fenn & Fourth. Bob Kerwood and Tom Smith had three hits each and Jim White had two homers for New England Telephone.

Eagle Cafe scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh to come from behind for its win over Rogers Jewelers. Dick Sweeney homered with a man on to win the game. Sweeney and Dave Melle had three hits apiece; and Sweeney and Mark Reynolds, a homer for Eagle Cafe. Mondo Connolly had three hits for Rogers.

James Jewelers scored a run in the bottom of the ninth inning in its win over the Irish-Americans.

Hits by Dan McDonald and John Enright and a sacrifice fly by Paul Campoli brought the deciding score. Al Belanger, Rod Corey and Enright had two hits each for James Jewelers. Bud Pellerin, Tony Simonelli and Ray Woitkowski had two hits each and Shaun Broderick a homer for the Irish-Americans.

Irish beat Brewers in slow pitch

The Irish-Americans and Arace's Datsun scored victories in City Slow Pitch softball last night at Lakewood Field. The Irish trimmed Falstaff Brewers 4-2, and Datsun scored a 2-0 shutout of Eagle Cafe.

Tom MacCartney and Bud Pellerin had two hits to lead the Irish. One of MacCartney's was a home run. Tim Kearns and Walt Pictrowski had two hits for the Brewers.

Bob Tucker of Eagle Cafe and Steve Girardi of Arace's were two-hit men in the other game. A third scheduled contest was called off.

Tonight it will be Dick Joseph and Berkshire Common at 6:30; O'Connell's and Fenn & Fourth at 7:30; and the Jewelers, Rogers and James at 8:30.

JUL 2 1974

Water Dept. romps 11-4 in CSPSL

The Water Department pounded New England Telephone for 18 hits last night and rolled up an 11-4 victory in the City Slow-Pitch Softball League last night at Lakewood Field.

Denny Duquette led the Waters with three hits, with Jeff Wilson, Mark Shaw, Fran Wilk and Greg Riello each adding two. Shaw also homered. Bob Kerwood had two of the Phones' nine hits.

In other CSPSL action, the Irish-Americans laid into Dick Joseph's Auto Body by an 11-9 margin and Berkshire Common upended Falstaff Brewers 6-2.

The Irish had to overcome an 8-3 Joseph's lead with a six-run sixth inning to win their game. Tony Simonelli and Ray Woitkowski, each had three hits and a home run for the winners. Ron Kinnas had three hits for the Auto Bodies.

Keith Bond collected three hits to pace an 11-hit Common attack against Falstaff. Dan Powers of the Brewers also had three hits.

Tonight in the CSPSL, Joseph's plays James Jewelers at 6:30, Rogers Jewelers meets Arace's Datsun at 7:30, and Shedd Plumbing faces O'Connell at 8:30.

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JUL 12 1974

Water Dept. wins big in CSPSL

Water Department won over O'Connell Cadillac, 18-12, and Arace's Datsun beat Berkshire Common, 13-5, in the City Slow-Pitch Softball League last night. A third scheduled game was called off.

Jim Mazzer had four hits and Wayne Mickle and Mark Shaw, three each for the Water Department. Joe Penna cracked four hits for O'Connell-Cadillac, Bill Michaels three and Bob Frazitta a home run for the losers.

Steve Girardi had four hits, and Girardi and Ron Gilardi had home runs for Datsun. Tony Belanger and Tim Zwinglestein, each had two hits for Berkshire Common. Zwinglestein and Bob Rivers homered for the losers.

Mickle blasts two in softball

JUN 28 1974

Wayne Mickle cranked two home runs last night in the City Slow-Pitch Softball League to lead the Water Department to a 9-3 victory over Del Gallo's Restaurant. Jim Mazzer added to the 14-hit Water attack with three hits.

In other CSPSL action at Lakewood Field, Fenn & Fourth Cafe scored four times in the first inning and never trailed after that, hanging up New England Telephone, 10-3, with 16 hits. Martin Tagliaferro paced the Fenns with three hits and a homer while five teammates had two hits each. Dan Spiewak had three safeties for the Phones.

Pete Boyd, Mike McKeever and Bob Rivers all collected a trio of hits for Berkshire Common which went on to paste Rogers Jewelers 12-3. Mike Reed added a homer to the Common cause.

Tonight in the CSPSL, Rogers meets Eagle Cafe at 6:30, the Irish Americans take on James Jewelers at 7:30 and Fenn & Fourth tangles with the Telephone Company at 8:30.

Jewelers rally to win over Irish

James Jewelers, Eagle Cafe, and Water Department were the winners of City Slow-Pitch Softball games last night at Lakewood Field.

The Jewelers scored three runs in the top of the seventh to defeat the Irish - Americans 8-7. Dick Powers, Fran Reardon, Bob Shade, and Rod Corey had two hits each for the Jewelers. Tony Simonelli had three hits, one a home run; Tom MacCartney, John Sheran, and Dick MacCartney, two each for the losers.

Paul Metallo had two hits and Cliff Nilan a triple in Eagle Cafe's 6-3 win over Falstaff Brewers. Tom Sinopoli with three hits, Tim Kearns and Jack Clark with two, led the Brewers.

Tony Stankiewicz homered and Jim Mazzer had three safeties as Water Department beat Shedd Plumbing 9-6. Mike Trudeau and Joe Markham were two-hit Plumbers.

Tonight's tripleheader starting at 6:30 matches Eagle Cafe and Arace's Datsun, Irish - Americans and Falstaff, and New England Telephone and Del Gallo's.

JUL 2 1974

10-run turn wins 14-7 for Cafe

JUL 5 1974

A 10-run fourth inning provided enough scores for the Fenn & Fourth Cafe to beat O'Connell-Cadillac 14-7 Wednesday night in the City Slow-Pitch Softball League.

In other contests, Dick Joseph's Auto Body won from Berkshire Common 4-2, and Rogers Jewelers turned back James Jewelers 8-5.

Dan Giardina and Hank Barzottini had three hits each for Fenn & Fourth. Mike Spellman and Joe Penna had two apiece for the losers.

Syn Frisk had three hits. Mike Rocca, Jim Boland and Mike Caritey had two hits each for Dick Joseph's. One of Rocca's was a homer. Rick Reed and Mike McKeever made two safeties apiece for Berkshire Common.

Mando Connolly cracked two home runs for Rogers Jewelers. Glenn Guachione banged three hits for Rogers. Ed Chandler and Frank Gai had two hits each for the winners. Dick Powers had three safeties for James Jewelers.

Plumbers run amok in CSPSL

JUL 10 1974

Shedd Plumbing scored at least twice in every inning and six times in the fifth and seventh last night as it knocked the hubcaps off O'Connell Cadillac, 23-6, in the City Slow-Pitch Softball League.

Tony Paralta led the Plumbers' 25-hit rampage with four of his own, while Mike Trudeau and Darrell Shedd chipped in three apiece. One of Trudeau's blasts was a home run. Mike Spelmen and Joe Penna, each had three hits for O'Connell's.

Elsewhere in the CSPSL, Dick Joseph's Auto Body went down for the second time in two nights, this time to James Jewelers by a 9-4 margin. And Arace Datsun humbled the city's other jeweler, Rogers, with a 10-3 decision.

Al Belanger cracked a pair of homers to ignite the James gang in their win. Teammates Bob Shade, Fran Reardon and Dan McDonald, all had three hits. Jack Bartow had three safeties for the Bodies.

In the third game, Wayne Ciepiela and Denny Murphy had three hits apiece to show the way for Arace's.

Tonight at Lakewood Field, the Irish-Americans play Eagle Cafe at 6:30, Fenn & Fourth meets Shedd at 7:30 and the Water Department faces Del Gallo's at 8:30.

Softball tournament opens Wed.

A record field of 18 teams has entered the Berkshire County Amateur Softball Association slow-pitch-softball qualifying tournament. The tournament will open Wednesday night at Lakewood Field with four first-round games. Four more contests will be played on Thursday, four on Friday, and the semi-finals and finals, on Saturday.

The opening game Wednesday will start at 6, with the Falstaff Brewers playing O'Connell Cadillac. The second game, starting at 7, will have Rogers Jewelers going against Here-U-R from Lee. James Jewelers will meet Fenn & Fourth Cafe at 8 and Shedd Plumbing will face the Lee Dogg House at 9.

The tournament will resume Thursday at 6, with Dick Joseph's Auto playing Lenox Aldeners. The Telephone Company meets Joe's Grill from Lenox at 7. Lenox Package Store will go against Arace's Datsun at 8 and the final game of that evening will have the Water Department taking on Berkshire Common at 9.

Friday, at 6 the Eagle Cafe will play the winner of the Falstaff-O'Connell game. The Lee Men's Club will meet the winners of Rogers Jewelers and the Here-U-R of Lee at 7.

The winner of the tournament will advance to the state championship to be held August 8 in Palmer.

John Marchesi, state deputy commissioner, and Al Bianchi, county commissioner, are tournament directors. Vincent Zito, county umpire-in-chief, will be in charge of umpiring assignments: Merritt Chapman will be official scorer for the tournament.

JUL 16 1974

Slow-pitch slate

TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

Berkshire Common vs. Falstaff Brewers (6:30)
Water Department vs. New England Telephone (7:30)
Irish-Americans vs. Dick Joseph Auto Body (8:30)
(All games Friday rained out)

JUL 8 1974

JUL 10 1974

Qualifying tournament set here

The Berkshire County slow-pitch qualifying tournament will be held on Wednesday, July 17, through Friday, July 19 at Lakewood Field. Deadline for entering will be Friday, at 5 p.m. No teams will be accepted after this date.

The winner of this tournament will go on to the state slow-pitch tournament slated Aug. 8 through 12 at Palmer Recreation Field in Palmer.

For further information communicate with John Marchesi, deputy state commissioner of ASA Softball at the Department of Parks and Recreation office, 874 North St.

Late rallies settle two CSP games

Last-inning rallies highlighted two of the slow-pitch softball games at Lakewood last night.

Wayne Mickle's grand slam in the bottom of the seventh gave Water Department an 8-6 win over Fenn & Fourth. Marty Tagliaferro homered in defeat while Mark Shaw had three hits for WD.

Keith Bond drove in the winner as Berkshire Common beat the Irish-Americans 9-8 in nine innings. The Commoners scored five times in the seventh to knot the score. Bond also homered and singled. Bob Rivers of the winners and Tony Simonelli of IA had three hits, one of Simonelli's a homer.

The Jewelers belted Falstaff 12-2 in the finale. Rod Corey and Al Belanger homered for the winners.

Tonight's three games pit Shedd against DelGallo's, Rogers against Eagle Cafe, and Arace's against Dick Joseph in that order.

JUL 16 1974

JUL 19 1974

City teams whip Lenox in softball

Joseph's, Arace's, N.E. Telephone win in county tourney

Three Lenox teams were knocked out of the Berkshire County Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament last night at Lakewood Field in second-round action.

Ron Kinnas pitched and Mike Rocca hit Dick Joseph's Auto Body to a 3-2 victory over Aldeners. Rocca went three-for-three at the plate, including a home run.

Dick Boyer, Wayne Ciepiela and Denny Murphy all had three hits as Arace's Datsun ran over Lenox Package Store 11-2. The Datsuns spotted Lenox two runs in the top of the first and then Bob Allesio pitched shutout ball for the rest of the game.

In the third Pittsfield-Lenox run in, New England Telephone scored in every inning they came to bat except the third to beat Joe's Grill 11-6. Dick Roraback paced the Phones with three hits and Dave Bordeau was the winning pitcher.

Water Dept. loses

The final second-round contest was an all-city affair as Berkshire Common bumped off the Water Department with a five-run fourth to overcome a 6-4 deficit and win 10-5. Keith Bond was the hitting star for the Common, stroking a homer and two other hits. Ken Zalenski also had three safeties for Berkshire. Mike Reed was credited with the win.

Tonight in the tournament, Eagle Cafe plays Falstaff Brewers at 6, Lee Men's Club meets Here-U-R of Lee at 7, James Jewelers takes on Shedd Plumbing at 8, and Dick Joseph's will play the winner of the Eagle Cafe-Falstaff game at 9.

Slow-pitch loop resumes tonight

The City Slow-Pitch Softball League resumes regular season play tonight at Lakewood Field.

New England Telephone will meet the Water Department at 6:30, the Falstaff Brewers will face Arace's Datsun at 7:30 and the Irish-Americans will take on Rogers Jewelers at 8:30.

JUL 22 1974

JJ, Eagle, O'Connell are victors

James Jewelers, Eagle Cafe, and O'Connell Cadillac won games in the City Slow Pitch league last night.

Rod Corey had three hits, Al Belanger and Fran Reardon two as the Jewlers beat Arace Datsun, 7-5. Mike Murray, Dick Wilson, and Ed Paris had two hits in defeat. One of Wilson's was a homer.

Mark Reynolds, Bob Tucker, and John Shaughnessy had three hits for Eagle Cafe in their 10-5 win over Dick Joseph. Lynn Fusik hit a homer and Tony Gibson, Jack Bartow, Mike Caritey, and Mark Sacchetti had two hits for DJ.

O'Connell's scored twice in the bottom of the eighth to nip Shedd Plumbing 9-8. Tom Reed had three hits and Dom Blasioli, and Jerry Francis home runs for the winners. Mike Trudeau belted two homers. Gerry Chaiffre one in defeat. Darrell Shedd, Chaiffre, and Don Warfield were two-hit men.

Tonight's tripleheader lists Rogers Jewelers against Falstaff Brewers at 6:30, O'Connell's against New England Telephone at 7:30, and Berkshire Common against Eagle Cafe at 8:30.

JUL 25 1974

Lee Men's Club heads off Falstaff to win county slow-pitch softball title

JUL 22 1974

By Mike Meserole

You wouldn't normally put Charley Vaninetti in the same company with Neil Armstrong, but after Saturday night's wild nine-inning conclusion to the Berkshire County slow-pitch softball tournament, there are a lot of people in Lee who think both men have made significant footprints.

Armstrong's first step on the moon exactly five years ago this weekend is legendary. Vaninetti's mark isn't quite in the class, nonetheless, his walk across home plate with the winning run Saturday night enabled the Lee Men's Club to edge the Falstaff Brewers of Pittsfield, 5-4, and win the county championship.

The giant leap for the Men's Club came about in the ninth with Vaninetti reaching first on a two-out single and the score tied at 4-4. Junie Pleu followed with a potential inning-ending grounder to the right side of the infield but Falstaff second baseman Dick Premerlani failed to field it cleanly and both runners were safe.

Mass confusion

The next Lee batter, John Walker, then sent a sharp grounder up the middle which seemed to load the bases until Falstaff shortstop Kevin O'Donnell retrieved the ball and threw wide to second trying to catch Pleu off base. The throw eluded second baseman Premerlani and, in the defensive confusion, Pleu broke for third while Vaninetti, already on the premises, took off for home.

By now, all hell had broken loose on the field as four grown men in dark blue and white uniforms converged on an over-sized baseball and three others in bright orange pajamas raced around a tiny diamond better suited for Little Leaguers.

When Falstaff finally came up with the ball, the throw went to third instead of home. The hustling Pleu beat the tag at third and by the time Brewer third baseman Red Soldato could relay the ball to the plate, Vaninetti had already reached his Sea of Tranquility.

Oddly enough, Vaninetti, who was the only substitute used by either team in the game and who was two - for - two as a right field replacement for Joe Kresiar, almost ended it all in the seventh inning. On third base with two outs, he sprinted home to score on a dribbler by Tom Smith to Falstaff first baseman Buddy Reddington's right.

The run was disallowed, however, when Reddington tossed the ball to quick thinking pitcher John Codey covering first and Smith was called out by umpire Joe Woitkowski by a centimeter of a step. The call quickly emptied the Lee bench to offer an opposing view, but the verdict stood.

Consolati homers

Lee, which reached the finals by clobbering New England, 25-4, and shading Berkshire Common, 3-2, earlier in the afternoon, jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Left fielder Pete Consolati stroked a shot over second base that skipped past Falstaff right center fielder Richie Zink and permitted Consolati to circle the bases.

Falstaff, victor over Shedd Plumbing by a 15-7 score in the afternoon semifinal, struck back in the second inning, tallying three times on a sacrifice fly by Tom Sinopoli and run-scoring singles by Soldato and Premerlani.

The Brewers hiked their lead to 4-1 in the third when scrappy Dan Powers singled to left, tagged up on a Reddington fly-out to right center to reach second, advanced to third on Tim Kearns infield out and scored on a single by Walt Pictrowski.

The Men's Club knotted the score with solo runs in the third, fifth and sixth, but only two of the runs were earned.

In the third, Lee pitcher Geno Ingegni knocked in Smith from third on a fielder's choice after Smith had remained alive on the bases because of a throwing error. In the fifth, Walker dashed all the way to third when his sinking line drive bounced out of the mitt of Brewer left center fielder Kearns and scored on a sacrifice fly by Jim Salice.

Dick Salice ties game

Dick Salice tied the contest in the sixth with a one out sacrifice blast to the left center fence which scored Ingegni. The Brewers turned the play to their advantage, however, when shortstop O'Donnell took a relay throw from Kearns and fired a strike to the catcher. Sinopoli then tagged out Bob Driscull who was attempting to score from second.

By winning the county tournament, Lee now goes on to the state championships where it will join the 1973 county champion Irish-Americans of Pittsfield, who automatically qualified for the 1974 state tourney.

Last year, exactly 365 days prior to Saturday's win, Lee was routed from the Berkshire tournament when the Irish laid a 19-3 pounding on them in the second round. The Irish went on to finish second to Len's Lounge of Easthampton in the state's.

The state tournament is scheduled for Sanderson-McCloud Field in Palmer, Aug. 9-11.

County runner-up Falstaff and third-place finisher Berkshire Common will also move on to state play: the Brewers playing in the state A tournament in Palmer Aug. 15-18, and the Common in the state B tourney starting Thursday at Fern Mountain Field in Fall River.

JUL 18 1974

Pittsfield, Lee split in tourney

Pittsfield and Lee split in two meetings, and a pair of city teams eliminated community opponents in the first round of the Berkshire County slow-pitch softball tournament last night at Lakewood Field.

Here-U-R of Lee scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to win over Rogers Jewelers 7-6, and Shedd Plumbing of Pittsfield overwhelmed the Lee Dogg House 17-9. In intracity results, James Jewelers defeated Fenn & Fourth Cafe 14-6 and Falstaff Brewers won from O'Connell Cadillac 9-5.

Shaun Kelly, Bill Walker and Bob Buffis had three hits each and John Wheeler had a home run for Here-U-R. Joe Kamienski had three hits; and Pepe Barbarotta and Jim Farry, two each for Rogers. Kevin Burtt was the winning pitcher.

Darrell Shedd had five for five; Tony Paralta and Gerry Chaiffre, three hits each, and Mike Trudeau, two homers for Shedd Plumbing. Bob Zerbato had three hits for Dogg House. Tony Villanova was the winning pitcher.

Al Belanger had four hits; Bob Shade, three, including a homer, for James Jewelers. Paul Campoli also homered for James.

Marty Tagliaferro had three hits for Fenn & Fourth. John Enright was the winning pitcher. Dan Powers and Tim Kearns had three hits each; John Codey, a homer for Falstaff. Dom Blasioli and Jerry Francis had two hits apiece for O'Connell's. Codey was the winning pitcher.

Pairings in the tournament tonight are: Dick Joseph's Auto Body vs. Lenox at 6; New England Telephone vs. Joe's Grill of Lenox at 7; Lenox Package Store vs. Arace's Datsun at 8; Water Department vs. Berkshire Common at 9.

JUL 20 1974

Shedd upsets James 10-2 in tournament

Shedd Plumbing upset James Jewelers 10-2 last night in the third round of the Berkshire County Slow Pitch Softball Tournament.

In the three other games of the quadruple-header at Lakewood Field, Lee Men's Club knocked off Here-U-R Inn 15-13 and Falstaff Brewers swept a pair of games, beating Eagle Cafe 10-8 and blanking Dick Joseph's Auto Body 7-0. John Codey was the winning pitcher in both Brewer victories.

Today's action in the tourney has Lee Men's Club playing New England Telephone at 2 p.m., Araces Datsun meeting Berkshire Common at 3 and Falstaff taking on Shedd at 4.

The championship game is scheduled for tonight at 7:30.

Slow-pitch tourney on tap tonight

Shedd Plumbing and Rogers Jewelers, teams that will be in action tonight as the county slow-pitch tournament gets under way at Lakewood Field, and Arace's Datsun won games in the City League last night.

Shedd downed DelGallo's Restaurant 8-3, Rogers tripped Eagle Cafe 7-5, and Arace's beat Dick Joseph Auto Body 11-4.

The Jewelers staged a seven-run last inning to win.

Mike Trudeau of Shedd was the night's top hitter with four hits. Cliff Nilan of Eagle, Mike Murray, Dick Wilson, and Brian Jones of Arace's, and Darrell Shedd of Shedd's had three hits. Homers were hit by Bill Hover of Del Gallo's, and Mike Rocca and Jim Boland of Dick Joseph.

The opening round of the county tournament tonight lists four games. Falstaff Brewers and O'Connell Cadillac start the action at 6 p.m: Rogers and Here-U-R Inn of Lee at 7, James Jewelers and Fenn & Fourth, 8, and Shedd and Lee Dog House, 9, complete the schedule.

JUL 17 1974

Cadillacs zap Phones in softball

O'Connell Cadillac scored four times in the first inning and piled up 13 more runs before the game was finished to rout New England Telephone, 17-3, last night in the City Slow-Pitch Softball League.

The 25-hit Caddy attack was led by Mike Spelman's four hits and three off the bats of Bill Michaels, Joe Penna, Tom Reed and Gary Chapman. Jim White had a pair of hits and a home run for the Phones.

In other CSPSL action, Berkshire Common outhit Eagle Cafe, 18-17, but the Eagles outscored Common 13-12 and Rogers Jewelers downed the Falstaff Brewers 6-3.

Dick Sweeney and John Shaughnessy had three hits apiece, one of Shaughnessy's coming on a homer, to pace the Eagles, while nine Commoners had two hits. In the remaining game, Joe Kamenski and Bing Miller had three hits for the Jewelers.

Tonight at Lakewood Field, the Telephones play Shedd Plumbing at 6:30 and Dick Joseph's Auto Body meets Rogers at 7:30.

JUL 26 1974

One giant stumble for journalism

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

The history of sport is long and glorious and its image has not suffered at the sight of moon shots by Neil Armstrong or Charlie Vaninetti in spite of Mike Meserole's attempts to tie the two together in his report of the Lee Men's Club's slow-pitch softball tournament *Eagle*, July 22.

Sport does suffer at the hands of people who try to affect the outcome of sporting events without participating. It's image is further tarnished by 10-cent journalists who attempt to make a name for themselves at the expense of the athletes.

In the recent slow-pitch softball tournament in Pittsfield something went awry. Despite the determined efforts of certain officials, a Pittsfield team did not win the roses.

The excellent play by several teams made the event one of beauty to watch. However, the one-sided officiating in crucial situations brought boos from even the hometown fans. We cannot expect sports and especially softball to be aided by such adolescent antics.

The reporting of sporting events is an important task. Coddling the emotions of the hometown fans at the expense of honesty is not the way to reach journalistic immortality.

Mr. Meserole is rapidly building a reputation for using cheap bleacher-seat journalism to achieve what otherwise could be accomplished through unbiased reporting. The high point, or should we say *low* point, of his career has not been reached yet.

If his recent lunar expedition is his best attempt at reaching stardom, I would advise that he cancel future trips and open a used-typewriter store.

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Plumbers, Joseph's post wins

Last-at-bat rallies by Shedd Plumbing and Dick Joseph's Auto Body enabled both teams to overcome disadvantages Friday night in the City Slow-Pitch Softball League.

Shedd exploded for eight runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to overtake a 5-1 New England Telephone lead. The batting star of the game, however, was Tom Smith of the Phones who had four hits and a home run in the 9-5 loss.

In the second game, Dick Joseph's scored three times in the bottom of the sixth to pull away to a 12-7 lead and managed to hold on to beat Rogers Jewelers 12-9. Jay Drury and Tom Marano had three hits apiece for the Bodies. Mike Rocca of Joseph's and Ed Florczyk of Rogers each stroked a home run.

Tonight at Lakewood Field, the Irish-Americans play Arace's Datsun at 6:30 and the Falstaff Brewers meet Dick Joseph's at 7:30.

JUL 30 1974

Joseph's flattens Falstaff

In the only reported action in the City Slow-Pitch Softball League last night, Dick Joseph's Auto Body scored six times in the bottom of the fifth inning to knock off the Falstaff Brewers 10-6.

Home runs by Mike Rocca, his second in two nights, and Jay Drury paced the Bodies, who had two-hit performances from Drury, Jim Boland, Tony Gibson and Ron Kinnas.

Paul Clark, John Codey and Red Soldato all had two hits for the Brewers.

Tonight in the CSPSL, O'Connell Cadillac plays Del Gallo's Restaurant at 6:30, Rogers Jewelers meets Berkshire Common at 7:30 and James Jewelers faces Eagle Cafe at 8:30.

AUG 1 1974

O'Connell's hitters have a big night

O'Connell Cadillac pounded out 20 hits en route to a 9-4 win over Water Department in the slow-pitch softball league last night. Other results at Lakewood Field were Arace's 13, Falstaff 6; and Joseph 5, Eagle 4.

Joe Penna of the Caddies and Denny Wilson of Arace's were the top hitters with four hits each. Three-hit performances were recorded by Tom Reed and Paul Anish of O'Connell; John Baker of the Watermen; Ed Paris and Fred Chitten of Arace's; and Dave Melle of the Eagles.

Home runs were cracked by Paul Clark and John Izzo of the Brewers.

Arace's will be back in action tonight, opposing Rogers Jewelers at 6:30. Shedd Plumbing and Fenn & Fourth play at 7:30.

JUL 30 1974

Common king in Class B

Bases-loaded single by Bond wins state championship

A bases-loaded single by Keith Bond in the bottom of the seventh inning enabled Pittsfield's Berkshire Common to win the Class B American Softball Association slow-pitch state championship in a 13-12, come-from-behind victory over the One-O-Four Club of Haverhill on Sunday in Fall River.

The Common, which qualified for the tourney by finishing third in the Berkshire County tournament two weeks ago, played five games in the double-elimination playoff, winning four and losing one.

An 11-4 victory over Anderson's of Westfield opened the tourney for the Common, followed by wins over Don's Place of Taunton (15-9) and Lynn J of Fall River (15-4). Berkshire met One-O-Four in the semifinals and lost, 8-2, but came back to beat the same club in the finals.

Peter Boyd of the Common was voted runner-up for most valuable player.

The Berkshire club will automatically qualify to defend its title in next year's state Class B tournament.

JUL 31 1974

'B' champs win again in softball

Berkshire Common, fresh from winning the state Class B championship, rapped out 26 hits and scored in every inning to bomb Rogers Jewelers 22-10 in the City Slow-Pitch League last night.

In the second game, James Jewelers scored twice in the top of the eighth to beat Eagle Cafe, 6-4. Rod Corey had three hits and Dan MacDonald hit a home run for the Jewelers.

Larry Allen led BC with four hits. Mike McKeever, Keith Bond, Ken Zaneski and Bill Pendergast had three hits each, and Tim Zwinglestein added a home run to the outpouring.

Tonight, Dick Joseph will meet Eagle Cafe at 6:30, O'Connell Cadillac will play Water Department at 7:30, and Arace's Datsun will oppose Falstaff Brewers at 8:30.

AUG 1 1974

Slow-pitch title series begins Monday

James Jewelers and Water Department will meet in the championship playoffs of the City Slow-Pitch Softball League next week.

The teams will play a best-two-out-of-three series. Games are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on both Monday and Tuesday. If a third contest is required it will also be Tuesday night.

The Jewelers won the pennant in the A division of the city loop; Water Department won in the B group.

AUG 2 1974

City softball games canceled

The scheduled games between Arace's Datsun and Rogers Jewelry, and Shedd Plumbing and Fenn & Fourth Cafe in the City Slow-Pitch Softball League were canceled last night.

The best-of-three championship playoff between pennant winners James Jewelers and the Water Department will be played in a Monday night doubleheader at Lakewood Field. If a third game is necessary it will be played Tuesday night.

Slow-pitch series tied

Water Department, James Jewelers in final game tonight

Water Department scored five times in the eighth inning of the second game to even the slow pitch softball championship series with James Jewelers last night and force a final game this evening.

WD won 9-4 to gain a split of a double-header at Lakewood Field. The Jewelers took the opener 6-0. Game time tonight is 7.

Bob Shade and Bill Gracyk had perfect nights at bat for the Jewelers in the opener. Shade had four hits and Gracyk three. John Enright was the winning pitcher, allowing four hits, two of them by John Baker.

Denny Duquette had four-for-four and Mike Penna, Jim Mazzer, Mark Shaw and Jeff Wilson, two hits each, as the Watermen won the nightcap. Al Belanger had two hits for the Jewelers.

AUG 6 1974

AUG 7 1974

Title goes to James Jewelers

Slow-pitch team defeats Water Department, 15-9

James Jewelers scored six runs in the top of the seventh inning last night to defeat the Water Department, 15-9, and win the City Slow-Pitch League championship at Lakewood Field.

Dick Powers and Al Belanger had big nights for the Jewelers. Each man had five-for-five. Bob Shade, Dan McDonald and John Enright added three hits apiece.

WD was led at bat by John Baker, Mike Penna, Wayne Mickle, Jim Mazzer, Jeff Wilson and Tony Stankiewicz, each with two hits.

Stankiewicz, Mickle and Denny Duquette hit home runs in a losing cause.

Irish Americans win 11-3 in state slow-pitch event

PALMER — The Irish Americans of Pittsfield, last year's runnerup, joined the Lee Men's Club, Berkshire County champions, in the winners' bracket of the state slow-pitch softball tournament here last night.

The Irish Americans used home runs by Tony Simonelli and George "Buddy" Pellerin to defeat the Harbor Club team of Fall River, 11-3. Lee won its opening round game Thursday night. Both county teams will play today with the Irish Americans opposing Regan's Subs, the North Shore representative at 11:45 this morning.

Pellerin's two-run clout in the last of the first gave Pittsfield a 2-0 lead which it never relinquished. The Irish scored again in the first inning and twice more in the fifth. Fall River scored three times in the fourth, but Simonelli's round-tripper with two mates aboard in the sixth settled the outcome.

Shaun Broderick went the distance on the mound. Walt Pictrowski and Charley Simonelli had two hits each for Pittsfield.

Defending champion Len's Lounge and highly-rated Ronnie's Auto Body were upset last night.

The finals are scheduled for tomorrow evening at 6:30.

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Irish-Americans ousted Sunday from tourney

The Irish Americans softball team of this city dropped two straight games after winning its first two in the state slow-pitch tournament over the weekend.

The local team defeated Fall River 11-3 Friday night and Regan's Subs 4-2 Saturday, but lost Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Bennie's Oilers beat them 5-4 in nine innings, and Clark's Service Station won 6-3.

Tony Simonelli hit two home runs in the tourney.

The Lee Men's Club was eliminated from the field Saturday and had a 2-2 record.

AUG 14 1974

Giardina is slow-pitch bat champ

Mickle, Connolly take RBI, homer titles, respectively

Dan Giardina of the Fenn & Fourth team won the batting title of the City Slow-Pitch Softball League by compiling a .596 average this season.

Wayne Mickle of the Water Department led the circuit in RBIs with 28. Mando Connolly of Rogers Jewelers was the home-run leader with 12.

The figures were released yesterday by league statistician Merritt Chapman.

The final standings:

American Division

	Won	Lost	Pct.
James Jewelers	17	4	.810
Irish Americans	13	8	.619
Arace Datsun	11	10	.524
Berkshire Common	11	10	.524
Rogers Jewelers	9	12	.429
Dick Joseph Auto Body	8	13	.381
Eagle Cafe	8	13	.381
Falstaff Brewers	7	14	.333

National Division

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Water Department	14	6	.700
O'Connell Cadillac	12	8	.600
Fenn & Fourth Cafe	11	8	.579
Shedd Plumbing	10	9	.526
New England Telephone	9	11	.450
DelGallo's Restaurant	3	17	.150

AUG 17 1974

Jewelers win, 6-0

Local softballers advance in Class A softball tourney

PALMER — James Jewelers, Berkshire County entry in the state Class A slow-pitch softball tournament defeated Post 130 of Palmer 6-0 here last night on Sanderson-McLeod Field. John Enright on the mound for the Jewelers faced only 23 men, allowing but two hits.

Big hitters for the winners were Dick Powers with three hits and Bob Shade and Rod Corey with two apiece.

The Jewelers face Ronnie's Friendly House of Worcester in the double-elimination tourney this morning at 10:45.

SEP 4 1974

St. Jude's benefits from city softball

A total of $900 has been raised by the recent municipal softball doubleheader for the benefit of St. Jude's Hospital, according to Dr. Joseph George, fund chairman.

The games were played Aug. 22 between the Pittsfield City Council and City Hall employes and the Pittsfield fire and police departments personnel.

MAR 9 1974

McKernan EL head if he sells club

By Roger O'Gara



Pat McKernan
Provisional president

Pat McKernan, 32-year-old owner of the Pittsfield Rangers, is the new president of the Eastern Baseball League, providing he can divest himself of the ball club. He was elected chief executive yesterday afternoon at a meeting in New York City, but it was stated explicity that he would have to relinquish ownership of the team if he is to serve. He will succeed Roy Jackson, who has become president of the Pacific Coast League.

McKernan defeated two other candidates in the election. They were former Mayor Sam Nader of Oneonta, N.Y., and Jimmy Bronson of Reading, Pa. No formal vote was announced. Joe Buzas, former Pittsfield owner and now owner of Bristol, Conn., was chosen first vice president. George Nolan of Quebec City, Quebec, was named second vice president.

McKernan said last night he has several potential buyers, but he emphasized that he would give preference to local men or groups. He said he already has received bids from men in Lowell, Lexington and Long Island. He added he would sell to a Pittsfield person "if the price is right."

McKernan said he decided to accept the presidency because he feels the league needs "new leadership and knowledgeable and experienced direction."

McKernan stressed that the team would remain in Pittsfield. He said he intends to continue to make his home here. He makes his living as a junior high school teacher in Dalton, and will continue in that capacity.

McKernan added that he will notify the Texas Rangers' front office today about his change in capacity. He felt that they would be "distributed," but said he is sure the working agreement he has had since making the tie with the club in the fall of 1969 could be maintained.

Official Eastern League schedule for 1974 season

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	AT READING	AT WATERBURY	AT BRISTOL	AT WEST HAVEN	AT PITTSFIELD	AT TROIS RIVIERES	AT THETFORD MINES	AT QUEBEC CITY
READING		May 17,18,19 July 1,2,3,4 Aug. 16,17,18	May 27,28,29,30 July 12,13,14 Aug. 25,26,27	May 31 June 1,2 July 15,16,17,18 Aug. 28,29,30	May 13,14,15(2),16 July 26,27,28 Aug. 13,14	Apr. 26,27,28 June 12,13,14 July 29,30(2),31	May 3,4,5 June 18,19(2),20 Aug. 4,5,6	Apr. 29,30 May 1,2 June 15,16,17 Aug 1,2,3
WATERBURY	May 24,25,26 July 8,9,10,11 Aug. 22,23,24		May 31 June 1,2 24,25,26,27 Aug. 10,11,12	May 27,28,29,30 June 3,4,5 Aug. 25,26,27	May 20,21,22,23 July 5,6,7 Aug. 19,20,21	Apr. 29,30 May 1,2 June 15,16(2),17 Aug. 1,2	Apr. 22,23,24,25 June 9,10,11 July 26,27,28	Apr. 26,27,28 June 12,13(2),14 July 29,30,31
BRISTOL	Apr. 19,20,21(2) June 6,7,8 July 23,24,25	May 10,11,12 July 15,16,17,18 Aug. 28,29,30	All-Star	Apr. 29,30 May 1,2 June 15,16,17 Aug. 1,2,3	June 3,4,5 July 19(2),20,21 Aug. 31 Sept. 1,2	May 17,18,19 July 1,2,3,4 Aug. 16,17,18	May 20,21,22,23 July 5,6,7 Aug. 19,20,21	May 13,14,15,16 June 28,29,30 Aug. 13,14,15
WEST HAVEN	May 20,21,22,23 July 5,6,7 Aug. 19,20,21	July 12(2),13,14 July 19,20,21 Aug. 31 Sept. 1,2	May 24,25,26 July 8,9,10,11 Aug. 22,23,24	Game	Apr. 26,28(2) May 18 June 12,13,14 July 29,31 Aug. 17	May 13,14,15,16 June 28,29,30 Aug. 13,14,15	May 6,7,8,9 June 21,22,23 Aug. 7,8,9	May 10,11,12 June 24,25,26,27 Aug. 10,11,12
PITTSFIELD	Apr. 22,23,24,25 June 9,10,11 June 28,29,30	May 3,4,5(2) June 18,19,20 Aug. 4,5,6	May 6,7,8,9 June 21,22,23 Aug. 7,8,9	Apr. 27 May 17,19 July 1,2,3,4,30 Aug.16,18	July 22	May 24,25,26 July 8,9,10,11 Aug. 22,23,24	May 31 June 1,2 July 15,16,17,18 Aug. 28,29,30	May 27,28,29,30 July 12,13,14 Aug. 25,26,27
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THETFORD MINES	May 10,11,12 June 24,25,26,27 Aug. 10,11,12	May 13,14,15,16 June 28,29,30 Aug. 13,14,15	Apr. 26,27,28(2) June 12,13,14 July 29,30,31	Apr. 19,20(2),21 June 6,7,8 July 24(2),25	Apr. 29,30 May 1,2 June 15,16,17 Aug. 1,2,3	May 27,29 June 4 July 12,14(2),20 Aug. 25,27 Sept. 1		May 18,24,26 July 2,4,8,10 Aug. 17,22,24
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Team will stay in Pittsfield at least a year

Regardless of who purchases the Pittsfield Rangers, owner Pat McKernan said this morning the team will remain in this city at least a year. He said he will insist on that as a condition of the sale he hopes to consummate before the end of the week.

McKernan was elected president of the Eastern League last Friday. One restriction the board of directors imposed on him was that he must divest himself of the Pittsfield team.

McKernan said he is busy this week advising advertisers that the team will stay in the city, regardless of who buys it from him. He also is weighing several offers for the club from city and out-of-the-city potential buyers.

MAR 12 1974

Rangers purchased by Loudonville man

By Bill Mahan



Al Mueller

Al Mueller, a 37-year-old lifetime sports fan, is making his first business entry into sports as the new owner of the Pittsfield Rangers of the Class AA Eastern League. Mueller purchased the club from Pat McKernan this week. No sale price was divulged but McKernan said he realized a "reasonable profit."

The new owner, who makes his home in Loudonville, N.Y., said he does not plan any changes in personnel or operation. He stated he has no preconceived notions beyond the 1974 season and has talked to no one about moving the franchise. Mueller said he is going to see how this year goes and that he is anxious to get started. He will be devoting full time to the club and will commute from Loudonville

Mueller, a native of Syracuse, N.Y., is a graduate of Albany Academy where he was a letterman in football, basketball and baseball. He captained the basketball team. At Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in 1958 with a B.A. degree in business administration, he participated in interfraternity athletics. In addition to following sports, he plays golf and shoots in the 80s.

From 1959 to 1970 Mueller was with Owens-Illinois, Inc., a major corporation in the packaging field, with industrial sales assignments in Rochester, N.Y., and Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1971, he became operations manager for Craftor, Inc., of Latham, N.Y., manufacturers of leisure-time products. He has been affiliated with the firm in an advisory capacity since the market rights were assigned earlier this year to a division of Gulf-Western, Inc.

Mueller was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Infantry from 1959 through 1967. He was on active duty for six months. The rest of the time was spent in the reserves.

The new Ranger owner is married to the former Sue Archibold of Albany. They have one son, Scott, 12, and two daughters, Melinda, 10, and

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APR 6 1974

EL Rangers to stay here with Texas

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Owner and general manager Spike Herzig of the Pittsfield Eastern League baseball club revealed last night that his team has reestablished a working agreement with the Texas Rangers.

Speculation was rife recently that the Milwaukee Brewers of the American League were seeking to establish a connection here, but Herzig disclosed that the Brewers will move into the vacuum created when the Pittsburgh Pirates abandoned their interest in the champion Thetford Mines, Quebec, team.

Pittsburgh was reportedly happy with Thetford Mines winning the pennant but unhappy with playing conditions at the Thetford Mines ball park.

OCT 26 1974

Summer help sought for playgrounds

The Park Commissioners have begun interviewing persons seeking summer work as playground supervisors, Vincent J. Hebert, superintendent of the Parks and Recreation Department, has announced.

Hebert said that residents must be at least 17 years of age to apply. The application deadline is March 18, he said.

MAR 7 1974

MAR 16 1974

Deadline is Monday for applicants for seventy city jobs

The Department of Parks and Recreation said today that Monday at 5 p.m. is the deadline for filing applications for summer employment on the playgrounds and beach staffs.

As of Friday afternoon, 69 new applications and 39 applications from previous employes have been received for the 70 summer positions available. Interviews are being conducted now through April 13 for new applicants. Applicants will be notified of the time of their scheduled interviews, the department said.

MAR 25 1974



Joel Librizzi

COOL AIR failed to deter basketball players at Clapp Park, where spring sunlight stirred activity both Saturday and Sunday. High temperature of the weekend, 48 degrees, came with rainy skies early Sunday.

MAY 16 1974

Parks set hoop league

Bligh to head summer program for high-schoolers

A summer basketball program for high-school-aged residents of Pittsfield has been announced by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The program is under the direction of Thomas Bligh. Students who will be entering as sophomores in the fall through seniors who will graduate this spring are eligible. The games will begin Monday, June 24, at 5:30 p.m. Four parks will be used with two games played at each park Monday through Thursday nights.

Roster sheets for eight-member teams can be obtained from the basketball coaches in each local high school or at Springside House, 874 North St. Completed team rosters must be returned to either the coaches or to the Springside House by Friday, June 14. A schedule will be announced after all rosters are in.

Anyone wishing additional information on this program should call Bligh or the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Park Dept. picks summer employes

Letters informing those who have been hired and not hired as playground staff for this summer have been mailed, the Department of Parks and Recreation announced today.

A total of 125 applications were received for 70 full- and part-time playground staff positions, said Andrea G. Snell, recreation supervisor.

The Board of Park Commissioners was extremely impressed with the high caliber of the applicants and wished that all could have been hired, Miss Snell said. MAY 16 1974

JUN 20 1974

Park Dept. sets program for retarded

The Department of Parks and Recreation will conduct an eight-week summer program at Highland School for the mentally retarded.

The playground for the mentally retarded will open June 24 and run through Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Bus transportation on a door-to-door basis is provided for persons attending the program. Registration cards are available through the office of the Berkshire County Association for Retarded Citizens in the Red Feather House at 54 Wendell Ave. Cards should be completed as soon as possible.

The Park Department is seeking volunteers for the Highland program. Those who are 14 and over are eligible and can apply at the Park Department office, 874 North St.

JUN 7 1974

Dobelle orders police crackdown at Deming field

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle has ordered a "crackdown" on noise, drinking and littering at the Deming field off Elm Street.

After receiving complaints, Dobelle inspected the playground himself about 10 o'clock last night and said there was "no reason" for the situation to continue there.

"It's a hassle for the neighborhood," Dobelle said.

He said a crowd of teen-agers and young adults with some older people mixed in is congregating at the park, which is across from Holmes Road.

"There is too much noise, too much beer drinking, too much broken glass," Dobelle said. Abusive language is being used, he added, and some people are being harassed.

If they have nothing else to do or no place else to go, Dobelle suggested that some of the people hanging out in the park come talk with him at his office.

Perhaps something could be done about other recreational facilities or getting some of the people involved in city projects, Dobelle said.

Besides asking Police Chief John J. Killeen to clamp down on the situation, Dobelle has asked Parks Supt. Vincent J. Hebert to clean up the playground.

Located in behind the street, it is largely obscured from the road.

The playground and the sidewalk there have been a warm-evening congregating place for years.

"I don't see why the playground has to be destroyed and littered," Dobelle said.

JUN 15 1974

Park Department names staff for playgrounds

The Department of Parks and Recreation today announced the names and assignments of those to work as supervisors, leaders and assistant leaders on Pittsfield playgrounds this summer.

Starting Monday, playgrounds will be open Monday through Friday until Aug. 16. The hours, on Mondays through Thursdays, will be 10 a.m. until noon, 1 until 4:30 p.m. and 6 until 8 p.m. The hours on Fridays will be 10 a.m. until noon and 1 until 4:30 p.m.

The playground staff is composed of Joyce M. Wilkes, assistant recreation supervisor; Donna M. Cardillo and Jodie A. Sacchetti, arts and crafts supervisors; Maureen M. Myers, music and dance supervisor; Donna C. Delaney, nature supervisor; Thomas S. LaBarbera, boys sports supervisor; Michele J. Dennis, girls sports supervisor; Robert M. McDonough, publicity supervisor; Gracemary Chojnowski and Mary Ann Dellea, district supervisors; Thomas J. Bligh and James D. Johnson, sports leaders.

The department will conduct a playground for the mentally retarded at Highland School. It will be open Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. from June 24 until Aug. 16.

The staff for this playground is William E. Madden, director; Charlotte Morris, assistant director; Mary A. Biagini, William M. Broderick, Lynne Harris and Karen A. Jamula, aides.

Leaders and assistant leaders in the areas follow:

Area	Leader	Assistant Leader
Abby Lodge	Michael Harper	Andrea S. Monteleone
Allendale	Sharon B. Gumula	Jerry J. Mazzone
Allen Heights	Elizabeth A. Tucker	Alexis H. Magner
Burbank	David F. Grady	Linda L. Addy
Clapp	Susan D. Lifvergren	Karen A. Zaccari
Common	Patrice A. Tassinari	Christopher G. Bulgarelli
Crane	Marsha E. Correia	Karen T. Murphy
Deming	Sheila A. Mahan	John J. Belcher
Dewey	Nancy A. Lusignan	Daniel J. Valenti
Egremont	Susan L. Brown	Elizabeth A. Shreenan
Highland	Jayne A. DiNicola	Kathleen E. Carrigan
Lakewood	Coleen D. Enright	James J. Robinson
Lebanon	Joan C. Halperin	Janice M. Wheeler
Osceola	Gerianne N. Socha	Barbara J. Christofaro
Pitt	Mark A. Massaconi	Sandra D. Moody
Pitt Special	Elizabeth A. Keegan	
Pontoosuc	Michael J. Noonan	Marianne Selin
Root	Joan M. Allaire	Melissa A. Bowler
Springside	Mary Jane Simon	Ginger A. Farrell
Wahconah	Marcia A. Prenguber	Deborah A. Haddad
West Memorial	Judith L. Papa	Christine A. Clark
Williams	Cheryl A. Choquette	Michael R. McInerney
Outer Williams	Claudia J. Russett	Kathy S. Turnbull
Wilson	Patricia A. Oslund	Christine R. Daoust

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Joel Librizzi

Swinging into summer

It was a short trip yesterday for this young lady to start her summer vacation. She left the confines of Pomeroy School at noon and crossed West Housatonic Street to use the swings at Clapp Park. The city parks will open their full summer schedules on Monday.

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Playground schedule

TUESDAY

Abby Lodge — Parent - child volleyball night — 7 p.m.
Allendale — Comedy play — 10:30 a.m.
Allen Heights — "Cocktails" and puppet show — 6:15-8 p.m.
Burbank — Balloon race — 3:15 p.m.
Clapp — Family volleyball — 6 p.m.
Common — Penny hunt — 1 p.m.
Crane — Relay race — 3 p.m.
Deming — Marble shoot and toss — 2:30 p.m.
Dewey — Scavenger hunt — 1:30 p.m.
Egremont — Mini show — 10:30 a.m.
Highland — Popcorn and Kool Aid sale — 1:30 p.m.
Lakewood — Penny hunt — 2:30 p.m.
Lebanon — Plant a garden — 3:30 p.m.
Osceola — Parent - child volleyball game — 6:15 p.m.
Pitt — Basketball throw — 2 p.m.
Pitt Special — Funny face contest — 11 a.m.
Pontoosuc — Relay race — 10 a.m.
Root — Scavenger hunt — 10:30 a.m.
Springside — Volleyball game — 6:30 p.m.
Wahconah — Parents' Night — 7 p.m.
West Memorial — Teepee ball contest — 7 p.m.
Outer Williams — Marshmallow eating contest — 2 p.m.
Williams — Bubblegum contest — 1 p.m.
Wilson — Animal bank making — 1:15 p.m.

10 Years Ago

Mrs. John F. O'Brien was elected president of the Mothers of Twins Club at a meeting at the home of Mrs. John J. Shea Jr., 52 Euclid Ave. Mrs. George F. Phillips was named vice president; Mrs. William F. Moesley Jr., secretary; Mrs. John J. McCluskey, treasurer and Mrs. Richard R. Tenneson, social secretary.

The Pittsfield Rotary Club honored the Lions Club's president-elect, Warren U. Sears, at a luncheon meeting at the Wendell-Sherwood Hotel. Mr. Sears was presented Rotary's "man of the year" award.

The Misses Carolyn M. Zola, Mary Jane McGovern, Anne Marie Spagnola, Patricia Anne Smith, Cherie Goyette and Philip Messer, Paul E. Perachi and Francis D. Monterosso began work as supervisors for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Parks Dept. needs people for 'Oliver'

The Parks and Recreation Department needs more than 50 children and adults from the community to perform in "Oliver," the musical based on Charles Dickens's story of Oliver Twist. The production is scheduled in mid-August to end the summer playground season.

Two choruses

The play features 15 principal parts for children and adults as well as a children's chorus of at least 20 children between the ages of 6 and 13 and an adult chorus of between 20 and 30 people. It will be directed by Edward F. DiNicola, known locally for productions at Taconic High School, the Town Players and dinner theatre evenings at the Itam Lodge. Musical director will be Terry H. Forrest.

Persons are also needed to assist with sets, costumes and other technical credits. Anyone interested should contact the Parks and Recreation Department or Edward F. DiNicola at 69 Concord Pkwy.

Tryouts for acting and singing parts in "Oliver" will be held June 19 and 20 at 7 p.m. at the Pittsfield Girls Club. Persons should come prepared to sing a song of their own choosing.

JUN 19 1974

Summer basketball league opens Monday

A week night basketball league for high school boys will get under way Monday night at the Clapp and Deming field courts.

The league, which is under the direction of Taconic High assistant basketball coach Tom Bligh, is open to all incoming sophomores and this year's graduates in the area.

Games will be played four nights a week with doubleheaders on Monday and Wednesday and single tilts on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The contests will start at 5:30 each night.

The league will consist of 12 teams divided into East and West divisions. A playoff at the conclusion of the season in mid-August will pit the winner of each division against the second-place finisher in the other section with the survivors of both games meeting for the championship.

An open tournament with teams from Lenox, Dalton and North Adams will be held after the playoffs are over.

Director Bligh, a graduate of Fairfield University last year, is starting the league "to help out the kids who will be coming back next winter to play in school. By playing together during the summer they can learn each others' moves and be better prepared for the coming basketball season."

Adhering to high school training rules, no coaches will be allowed to manage the teams, but an effort will be made to put players of the same school on the same teams.

"I feel there's a real need for this league," says Bligh. "Similar summer leagues have been going on in Springfield and Northampton and it has helped basketball in those areas. Besides, it fills a void in the summer for kids who aren't involved in the Legion or Babe Ruth baseball programs."

While he plans to do a lot of officiating during the summer, Bligh says he needs all the help he can get from jayvee and varsity referees to handle league games. All volunteers, college age and older, should contact Bligh as soon as possible.

Opinions sought on Pitt Playground facility needs

The West Side Project Area Committee is seeking neighborhood opinion on facilities for the Pitt Playground improvement project.

That project is going to cost more than anticipated and, therefore, some changes are going to have to be made in the plan, according to Sandra Keel, chairman of the committee's Pitt Playground subcommittee.

Renderings will be at the Christian Center tomorrow for examination by the public. Mrs. Keel said those with suggestions on what facilities should be eliminated or retained can call her at the Early Childhood Development Center during the day or meet with her at the Christian Center at 4 tomorrow afternoon.

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Going Up

The slippery slide at Deming playground ranks high in popularity with the smaller children, and some big ones. Here's a good sampling of the crowd.

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Playground schedule

THURSDAY

Abby Lodge—Stuffed-animal contest, 1:15 p.m.
Allendale—Song and dance show, 1:15 p.m.
Allen Heights—Scavenger hunt—1:3 p.m.
Burbank—Peanut hunt, 6 p.m.
Clapp—What's in the package?, 11:00 a.m.
Common—Backwards day—all day; animal alphabet, 6:15 p.m.
Crane—Crazy hat day, 2 p.m.
Deming—Softball-throwing contest, 11:00 a.m.
Dewey—Cake sale, 1:00 p.m.
Egremont—Relay races, 10:30 a.m.; Roleplaying, 6:30 p.m.
Highland—Story-telling contest, 6:30 p.m.
Lakewood—Lemon-eating contest, 2:00 p.m.
Lebanon—Family night, 6:30 p.m.
Osceola—Balloon afternoon, 1:30 p.m.
Pitt—Peanut hunt, 3-3:30 p.m.
Pitt Special—Peanut hunt, 3-3:30 p.m.
Pontoosuc—4-square
Root—Candy hunt 8:30 p.m.
Springside—Peanut race, 2-3:30 p.m.; story telling and sing along, 10:30 a.m.
Wahconah—Search for the lost treasure, 6:30 p.m.
West Memorial—Paint me a picture, 2:00 p.m.
Outer Williams—Crazy-hat contest, 1:30 p.m.
Williams—Crazy-hat contest, 10:00 a.m.
Wilson—Volleyball-serving contest, 6:15 p.m.

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Playground schedule

MONDAY

Abby Lodge — Puppet show- 11 a.m.
Allendale — Bubble-gum contest- 11 a.m.
Allen Heights— Kimono dress-up day -1 p.m.
Burbank — Coloring contest- 2:15 p.m.
Clapp — Colored peanut hunt- 2 p.m.
Common — Create a play- 10:30 a.m.; Physical Fitness Day- 1:00 p.m.
Crane — Dress up your Pet Show- 11.
Deming — Nature Riddles- 11 a.m.; Marshmallow Stuffing Contest- 2:30 p.m.
Dewey — Zodiac Day- 10 a.m.
Egremont — Spaghetti Eating Contest- 11; Rock Painting- 3:30 p.m.
Highland — Baby Picture Contest- 6:30 p.m.
Lakewood — Bake Sale- 6:15 p.m.
Lebanon — Lemon Eating Contest- 1:30 p.m.
Osceola — Doffleball Game- 10:15 a.m.
Pitt — Balloon Hot Air Races- 2:30 p.m.
Pitt Special — Old West Day-All Day
Pontoosuc — Dress Up Your Pet Day- 1 p.m.
Root — Carom Tournament- 6:30 p.m.
Springside — Scavenger Hunt - 2;30 p.m.
Wahconah — Peanut Race- 10:30 a.m.
West Memorial — Four Square Tournament- 6:30 p.m.
Williams — Bulletin Board Design- 10:30 a.m.
Outer Williams — Ice Cube Hold- 1:15 p.m.
Wilson — Scavenger Candy Hunt- 6:30 p.m.

Playground schedule

FRIDAY

Abby Lodge — Lollipop hunt, 1:30
Allendale — Best-dressed bike contest, 2.
Allen Heights — Mini-Olympics, 1-4:30; song hour, 6:30 p.m.
Burbank — Crazy-hat contest, 1:15
Clapp — Three-legged relay, 3.
Common — Frisbee tournament, 10:15 a.m.
Crane — Bake sale, 1-4 p.m.
Deming — Peanut hunt, 10:30 a.m.
Dewey — Home-run derby, 1:30.
Egremont — M&M guessing contest, 11 a.m.
Highland — Stunt day, 11 a.m.
Lakewood — Bake sale, 1:30.
Lebanon — Riddle-of-the-day contest, 4.
Pitt — Treasure find, 3.
Pitt Special — Crazy-shoe contest, 1.
Pontoosuc — Marble-shooting contest 2.
Root — Baby-picture contest, 10 a.m.
Springside — Crazy-hat contest, 2:30.
Wahconah — Baby-picture contest, 1:15.
West Memorial — Air plane flying 10:30 a.m.
Outer Williams — Backwards day, all day.
Williams — Frisbee-throwing contest, 10.
Wilson — Jellybean surprise picnic, 12 noon.

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Playground schedule

TUESDAY

Abby Lodge M&M-guessing contest
Allendale Baby-pitcture contest — 2 p.m.
Allen Heights Chinese pantomime skits — 10:30 a.m.
Burbank Super relay tournament — 3 p.m.
Clapp Rolldown relay — 3 p.m.
Common Mock trial — 1 p.m.
Crane Bicycle Races — 1:30 p.m.
Deming Scavenger Hunt — 10:30 a.m.
Dewey Visit from musician Mik Valenti — 2 p.m.
Egremont Lemon-eating contest — 2 p.m.
Highland Peanut Hunt — 1:30 p.m.
Lakewood Face-making contest — 2:30 p.m.
Lebanon Cracker whistle contest — 1:30 p.m.
Osceola Plant a garden — 3 p.m.; Kickball night — 6:15 p.m.
Pitt Circus day — 3 p.m.
Pitt special Scavenger hunt — 2 p.m.
Pontoosuc Carom tournament — 1 p.m.
Root Lunch picnic with the leaders — 12 p.m.
Springside Ghost stories — 6:30 p.m.
Wahconah Tug-o-war contest — 2 p.m.
West Memorial Miss Mini-America contest — 10:30 a.m.
Williams Peanut hunt — 2 p.m.
Outer Williams Baby-picture contest — 2 p.m.
Wilson Frisbee-toss contest — 10:30 a.m.



Mark Mitchell

TWO SWINGS were among the targets of vandals Friday night who did at least $500 worth of damage to recreation equipment in Lakewood Park. City officials hoped the playground would reopen this afternoon.

Vandals damage Lakewood Park

Vandals went on a rampage in Lakewood Park Friday night, causing at least $500 worth of damage to recreation equipment and forcing the playground area to close for the weekend.

Police and city Department of Parks and Recreation officials said today they know of no motive for the destruction, which they describe as the most costly and extensive case of vandalism here in several years.

City Councilman Henry V. Marchisio has put up a $50 reward for information leading to the apprehension of the vandals.

Marchisio, in whose ward the park is located, said he was upset that the children's play equipment was ruined. Besides offering the reward with his own funds, Marchisio said he would call for stepped-up patrols by the park police.

"The place is really a mess, and a lot of the equipment seems to be damaged beyond repair," said Andrea G. Snell, supervisor of recreation for the parks department.

Inventory of damage

Miss Snell said a cleanup of the area began over the weekend and it was hoped that much of the equipment would be either repaired or replaced by this afternoon. The Lakewood Park playground is on Newell Street across from the Hibbard School.

Police, who have launched an investigation, said the damage was apparently done late Friday night and that the vandals were probably teen-agers.

"From the extent of the damage, these kids had to be teenagers or older," one police officer said.

"Younger people would not be capable of this kind of destruction," Miss Snell agreed.

Included in a long inventory of damaged or destroyed equipment are six children's swings, two seesaws, two uprooted volleyball poles, an equipment shed, and an aluminum slide that was overturned and dismembered from one of its steel legs.

Police are speculating that the vandals used one of the volleyball poles as a ram to smash the wooden equipment shed, scattering baseballs, bats and other sports equipment over the playground area. Police also suggested that the pole might have been used to break the wooden backs of at least four damaged swings.

More guards considered

Park Commission Chairman Roger B. Sloper today deplored the vandalism and said he was considering hiring additional night security guards to protect the parks.

"There's not an awful lot we can do to cut down on vandalism. It's a continuous, long-term problem that we have to deal with," he said.

The city employs some 16 part-time and unarmed security officers to patrol the city's parks and playgrounds during the night. Sloper said today that he and other park commissioners would discuss the possibility of expanding the security force.

City Councilman Peter G. Arlos today urged the formation of neighborhood park councils that might "apply neighborhood pressure to lessen vandalism." In a prepared statement, Arlos suggested that a neighborhood council would provide a forum for parents to come to terms with the "deep-seated cause" of vandalism.

Arlos said, "There ought to be groups concerned with how our parks function — groups which work with park officials to lessen the tensions and increase the pleasures . . . of our parks system."

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Playground schedule

MONDAY

Abby Lodge Lollipop hunt — 1:30 p.m.
Allendale Peanut hunt — 2 p.m.; sing along — 6:30 p.m.
Allen Heights Mini-Olympics — 1 p.m.; hat-making — 6 p.m.
Burbank Rally Day practice — 3 p.m.
Clapp Jellybean count — 1:30 p.m.
Common Lemonade and popcorn sale — 1 p.m.; rock painting — 10:30 a.m.; sand sculpture — 6 p.m.
Crane Peanut nose race — 1:30 p.m.
Deming Graffiti wall decoration — 11 a.m.
Dewey Gumdrop guessing contest — 1:30 p.m.
Egremont Crazy hat contest and parade — 10:30 a.m.; story telling — 6:30 p.m.
Highland Dress-up night — 6:30 p.m.
Lakewood Peanut hunt — 1:30 p.m.
Lebanon Popcorn and straw contest — 1:30 p.m.
Osceola Bake sale — 6:30 p.m.
Pitt Feelly box contest — 2:30 p.m.
Pitt Special Hidden hobbit hunt — 2 p.m.
Pontoosuc Volleyball tournament — 6:15 p.m.
Root M&M guessing contest — 1 p.m.
Springside Bubblegum blowing contest — 1:15 p.m.
Wahconah Scavenger hunt — 3 p.m.
West Memorial Bicycle race — 3:15 p.m.
Williams Baby picture contest — 10:30 a.m.
Outer Williams Onion eating contest — 1:30 p.m.
Wilson Nutty peanut hunt — 7 p.m.

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Pros win big game on court

Larry King's 16 points and Bob Hamilton's 15 led the Pros to a 56-42 win over the Hot Shots in a meeting of divisional leaders in the Summer Basketball League at Deming Field. Pete Culpo's 12 was high figure for the Hot Shots.

Also at Deming, the Stags turned back the Generals 43-29. Roger Hamilton's 14 and Joe Murphy's 10 topped the Stags. Paul Daley's 12 and Mike Cimini's 10 were best for the Generals. At Clapp Park the Cranes beat the Nets 57-44 and the Braves upset the Surgeons 46-41. Tim Carroll's 22 was top figure for the Cranes, and Steve Cronin had 19. Chris Smith's 14 was high for the Nets. Chuck Custer's 13 was tops for the Braves. Brian Price's 12 led the Surgeons.

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Playground schedule

Tuesday

Abby Lodge — Litterbug and scatterpillar hunt, 2 p.m.
Allendale — Miss mini-America contest, 11 a.m.; bubblegum contest, 2.
Allen Heights — Bike-decorating contest, 10:30 a.m.
Burbank — Dress - up - your - pet day, 6:05
Clapp — Show and tell, 3.
Common — Lemon-eating contest, 2; nature walk, 6 p.m.
Crane — Bake sale, 1-4.
Deming — Paper-plate collage, 10:30; M&M guessing contest, 2:30.
Dewey — Lunch with the leaders, noon; marshmallow - stuffing contest, 6 p.m.
Egremont — Miss mini-America contest, 11; walnut animal making, 1.
Highland — Lollipop hunt, 10:30 a.m.
Lakewood — Ice cube-holding contest, 2:30.
Lebanon — Greaser dress-up day, 11:30.
Osceola — Nature whiffleball, 6:15.
Pitt — Horseshoe tournament, 1:30.
Pitt Special — Lollipop - licking contest, 3:30.
Pontosuc — Nature hunt, 1.
Root — Bicycle race, 3.
Springside — Ecology day, all day; soap carving, 1:30.
Wahconah — Hat-making contest, 1:30.
West Memorial — Marshmallow stuffing contest, 10:45.
Williams — Lemon-eating contest, 1:30.
Outer Williams — Ecology day, 10:30.
Wilson — Self-portrait contest, 1:30.

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Playground schedule

FRIDAY

Abby Lodge — Carom tournament, 1 p.m.
Allendale — Marshmallow-eating contest, 11 a.m.; hike, 2:30.
Allen Heights — Marshmallow-eating contest, 1.
Burbank — Carom tournament, 2:30.
Clapp — Discus throw, 11 a.m.
Common — Picnic lunch with the leaders, noon.
Crane — Charades hour, 2.
Deming — Zodiac day 10:45 a.m.; Zodiac sign interpretation, 3.
Dewey — Volleyball tournament, 1.
Egremont — Clothespin people-making, 11 a.m.; Greaser day, 1.
Highland — Clothespin bottle game, 10:30 a.m.
Lakewood — Baby-picture contest, 1:30, pizza party, 3:30.
Lebanon — Scrambled word contest, 2.
Osceola — Treasure hunt, 1:30.
Pitt — Marshmallow race, 2.
Pitt Special — Pretty-hat contest, 1:30.
Pontoosuc — Marble-shooting contest, 11 a.m.
Root — Bake sale, 10:30 a.m.
Springside — Frisbee-throwing contest, 3:15.
Wahconah — Stuffed-animal day, 1:15.
West Memorial — Dress up your pet day, 1:30.
Williams — Ice cube-holding contest, 2.
Outer Williams — Capture the candy, 1:15.
Wilson — Relay races, 3.

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Playground schedule

WEDNESDAY

Abby Lodge Checkers tournament — 1:15 p.m.
Allendale Peanut hunt — 2 p.m.
Allen Heights Lemmi'stick game and Japanese song hour — 3 p.m.; Chinese supper — 6 p.m.
Burbank Squeeze - the - ice - cube contest — 1:10 p.m.
Clapp Crazy hat contest — 1:30 p.m.
Common Silence is golden — 10:30 a.m.; Find - a - bug contest — 6:15 p.m.
Crane Pie-eating contest — 3 p.m.
Deming Bubble- gum contest — 1:30 p.m.
Dewey Talent show — 6:15 p.m.
Egremont Licorice chew — 10:30 a.m.
Highland Pick - up - litter contest — 10:30 a.m.
Lakewood Crazy-hat contest — a p.m.
Lebanon Scavenger hunt — 1:30 p.m.
Osceola Park volleyball — 6:15 p.m.
Pitt Everybody's birthday — 6:15 p.m.
Pitt Special A day in merrie olde England — all day
Pontoosuc Peanut hunt — 1:30 p.m.; Bulletin - board design — 6:15 p.m.
Root Carom tournament — 6:30 p.m.
Springside Bake sale — 1:30 p.m.
Wahconah Marshmallow roast — 6:30 p.m.
West Memorial Peanut hunt — 2 p.m.
Williams Stuffed - animal contest — 10:30 a.m.
Outer Williams Bicycle rodeo — 1:30 p.m.
Wilson Stuffed animal parade and contest — 1:15 p.m.

Four games open park hoop league

A 41-35 victory by the Hot Shots over the Stags at Deming Park was the closest game on the opening program of the newly organized Summer Basketball League Monday night. In another contest at Deming the Bullets beat the Sonics 57-29.

At Clapp Park the Pros topped the Surgeons 63-42 and the Cranes turned back the Nets 67-41.

Kevin McFarland's 12 points led a well-balanced Hot Shot attack. D. P. Hamilton's 15 was best for the Stags. John Stankiewicz and Herb Wyand played well for the Bullets. Mike Mahoney of the Sonics tossed in 11 points.

Butch Quinn and George Jones combined for 24 points to spark the Pros. Brian Price contributed 17 to the Surgeons' total. Tim Carroll with 21 points and Tim Carty with 25 were high for the Cranes and Nets, respectively.

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Bullets nip Cranes in basketball

The Bullets scored six points in one 11-second spree of the final minute of play last night to overcome the Cranes 65-62 at Deming Park in the Summer Basketball League.

In other games the Pros rapped the Braves, 93-49; and the Hot Shots defeated the Generals, 42-29.

High scorer for the night was Larry King of the Pros who popped 25 points at Deming. Teammates George Jones and Butch Quinn had 20 and 18 respectively.

Tom Seckler had 22 for the Bullets; Pete Jamross, 20 for the Cranes, and Guy Pannesco, 17 for the Braves. Paul Daley of the Generals with 14, Jack Quinn with 12 and Kevin McFarland with 10, both of the Hot Shots, led the scoring at Clapp.

Park Dept. Rally Day is Wednesday

The fourth annual Rally Day sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation will be held Wednesday at 1 at Clapp Park.

The event, open to all children aged 6 to 15, will include 50-, 75- and 100-yard dashes, hill climb, running long jump, standing broad jump, softball throw, hop, step and jump, and 12 relay races.

Events will be spaced 20 minutes apart, and competition will be in sex and age categories — boys 6-8, girls 6-8, boys 9-11, girls 9-11, boys 12-15 and girls 12-15. All participants are responsible for their own transportation, and must bring a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian, the Park Department said.

More than 200 youngsters participated in last year's Rally Day.

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Park Dept. Rally Day delayed a week

Rainy weather has caused the Parks and Recreation Department to postpone Rally Day, which was to have taken place Wednesday.

The playground event, which will include dashes, broad jumps, hill climbs and relay races, has been rescheduled for exactly a week later, next Wednesday at 1 p.m. It will be held at Clapp Park.

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Playground schedule

MONDAY

Abby Lodge — Pet show - 2 p.m.
Allendale — Checkers tournament - 10:30 a.m.
Allen Heights — Bicycle rodeo - 1 p.m.
Burbank — Bubblegum contest - 1:30 p.m.
Clapp — Lip lock lollipop contest - 1:30 p.m.
Common — Bubblegum contest - 1:15 p.m.
Crane — Lemon eating contest - 3 p.m.
Deming — Lemon eating contest - 2:15 p.m.; rock painting - 10:30 a.m.
Dewey — Lemon eating contest - 6 p.m.
Egremont — Dress your pet contest - 11 a.m.
Highland — Bubblegum contest - 1:30 p.m.
Lakewood — Greaser day - 1 p.m.; Waxing leaves - 6:30 p.m.
Lebanon — Fingertip tells - 2 p.m.
Osceola — Smell and tell contest - 10:15 a.m.; Bubblegum contest and licorice eating contest - 1:15 p.m.
Pitt — Carom tournament - 2 p.m.
Pitt Special — Lemon eating contest - 2 p.m.
Pontoosuc — Scavenger hunt - 1:30 p.m.
Root — Bubblegum contest - 3 p.m.
Springside — Stuffed animal contest - 10:30 a.m.
Wahconah — Bubblegum contest - 10:30 a.m.
West Memorial — Stuffed animal contest - 10:30 a.m.
Williams — Seesaw balancing contest - 1:30 p.m.
Outer Williams — Build a scarecrow - 10:30 a.m.; square dance - 6:30 p.m.
Wilson — Hoop shoot - 2 p.m.; dress your pet night - 6:30 p.m.

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Playground schedule

Abby Lodge — Nature hike — all afternoon
Allendale — Dress your pet contest — 2 p.m.
Allen Heights — Indian pow-wow — 1 p.m.
Burbank — Tug-o-war — 2:30 p.m.
Clapp — Dress your bike contest — 3 p.m.
Common — Women's lib day — 1:15 p.m.
Crane — Cracker whistle contest — 3 p.m.
Deming — Mummify your leader — 2 p.m.; Rally Day warmup — 3:15 p.m.
Dewey — T-shirt day — all day
Egremont — Marshmallow stuffing contest — 11 a.m.; Making pencil holders — 1:30 p.m.; Weed garden activity — 6:30 p.m.
Highland — Stuffed animal contest — 10:30 a.m.
Lakewood — Lollipop licking contest — 2:30 p.m.
Lebanon — Picnic lunch with the leaders — noon.
Osceola — Ice cube talkathon — 10:15 a.m.; Home made ice cream sundaes — 6:15 p.m.
Pitt — Kickball tournament — 1:30 p.m.
Pitt Special — An adventure with Pied Piper — 1 p.m.
Pontoosuc — Bubblegum contest — 1:30 p.m.
Root — Walk to the Dairy Queen — 1 p.m.
Springside — Dress your pet contest — 1:30 p.m.
Wahconah — Marshmallow roast — 6:30 p.m.
West Memorial — Home run derby — 6:30 p.m.
Williams — Lollipop licking contest — 2:30 p.m.
Outer Williams — Box lunch — noon; taffy pull — 10:15 a.m.; Cakewalk — 6:30 p.m.
Wilson — Freaky freckles contest — 2 p.m.

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Photos by Joel Librizzi

The competitors

It was the Park Department's annual Rally Day yesterday, and these were among the 145 youngsters who took part at Clapp Park. Among the events, from top to botton, were the three-legged, cardboard-slide and hula-hoop races. See Page 15 for story.



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Playground schedule

THURSDAY

Abby Lodge — Bake sale, 1:15 p.m.
Allendale — Baby-picture contest, 10:30; Lake day, 1 p.m.
Allen Heights — Bake sale, 1 p.m.
Burbank — Box lunch with the leaders, 12:30.
Clapp — Sandbox contest, 3.
Common — Find - the - peanut contest, 1:30; Making paper clip necklaces, 10:30 a.m.
Crane — Scavenger hunt, 3.
Deming — Dress - your - pet contest, 2:30; Spatter paint, 10:30 a.m.
Dewey — Mr. and Ms. America contest, 3.
Egremont — Ice - cube squeeze, 11 a.m.
Highland — Onion - eating contest, 1:30 p.m.
Lakewood — Apple - bite contest, 3.
Lebanon — Lollipop hunt, 1:30.
Osceola — Lemon - eating and tooth-pick in the marshmallow contest, 1:15.
Pitt — Volleyball day, 2 p.m.
Pitt Special — Bermuda day, all day.
Pontoosuc — Wheelbarrow race, 1 p.m.
Root — Tag sale, 1 p.m.
Springside — Trip to Dairy Queen, 2:30.
Wahconah — Cake contest, 2.
West Memorial — Hike day, 10:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Williams — Relay races, 2:30.
Outer Williams — Booth-raising day, 1 p.m.
Wilson — Jellybean count, 3 p.m.; picnic and hike to the zoo, 11 a.m.

Surgeons, Hot Shots hoop victors

The Surgeons and Hot Shots were victorious in Summer Basketball League games Wednesday night. The Surgeons got by the Sonics, 47-45, at Deming Park and the Hot Shots walloped the Nets, 101-47, at Clapp Park.

Kevin Williamson paced the Surgeons with 27 points. Brian Price led the Sonics with 24. Jack Quinn fired in 38 points and Pete Culpo, 31 for the Hot Shots. Tim Carty and Bill Moriarty shared scoring honors for the Nets with 16 points apiece.

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Playground schedule

THURSDAY

Abby Lodge — Greaser day — 3 p.m.
Allendale — Kool-Aid and cookie sale — 2 p.m.
Allen Heights — Cowboy shoot-out — 1 p.m.
Burbank — Silence hour — 3 p.m.
Clapp — Walk to the Friendly — 1:30 p.m.
Common — Baby picture contest — 10:30 a.m.
Crane — Peanut hunt — 2 p.m.
Deming — Bean-bag making — 10:30 a.m.
Dewey — Bake sale — 1 p.m.
Egremont — Peanut hunt — 2 p.m.; make-up-a-story hour — 6:30 p.m.
Highland — Family marshmallow roast — 6:30 p.m.
Lakewood — Marshmallow roast — 6:30 p.m.; hobby show — 2 p.m.
Lebanon — Stuffed-animal contest — 2 p.m.
Osceola — Onion-eating and lollipop-licking contest — 1:15 p.m.
Pitt — Tongue-twister day — 1:30 p.m.
Pitt Special — A day in wonderland — 3 p.m.
Pontoosuc — Horseshoe tournament — 2 p.m.
Root — Hold-the-ice-cube-in-your-mouth contest — 1 p.m.
Springside — Greaser day — 2 p.m.
Wahconah — Baby-picture contest — 2 p.m.
West Memorial — Popcorn and Kool-Aid sale — 2 p.m.
Williams — Marshmallow roast — 7 p.m.
Outer Williams — Pie-eating contest — 1:30 p.m.; Patch-your-duds day — all day
Wilson — Crazy-hat parade — 11 a.m.

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Park Rally Day will be tomorrow

The Parks and Recreation Department today reminded participants in the fourth annual Rally Day tomorrow that they must bring with them permission slips signed by a parent or guardian.

The youngsters' event, which was rained out last week, will start at 1 p.m. at Clapp Park.

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145 youngsters take part in Park Dept. Rally Day

The fourth annual Rally Day sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation yesterday afternoon attracted 145 participants aged 6 to 15 to Clapp Park.

The event, canceled last week because of rain, was threatened yesterday by occassional rain but carried on without interruption. Events included relays, dashes, a hill climb, running long jump, standing broad jump, softball throw and hop, step and jump.

Top winner

The day's top winner was Scott Isabel, 8, of 50 Anita Drive, who took first place in each of the five events he entered in the boys 6- to 8-year-old division. He represented Deming Park.

Paula Kasala of West Memorial Park won 6 ribbons, including three for first place in the 12 to 15 division, Karen Devanny of Clapp Park also took home six ribbons in the girls 12-15 division. Dolores Biagini of West Memorial won five ribbons, including two firsts in the girls 12-15 division, as did Tom Dowdell of Dewey playground in the boys' 12-15 division. Kim Babbs of Pitt playground won three first-place ribbons in the girls' 9-11 division. Ted Isabel did the same in the boys' 9-11 division.

The complete rundown follows:

Girls, 6 to 8:
Hill climb — Susan Smith, Clapp, first; Stacy Miller, Wilson, second; Debbie Borden, West Memorial, third.
Running long jump — Kathy Smith, Clapp, first; Debbie Borden, second; Tracey Martin Clapp, third.
Dash — Stacy Miller, first; Susan Smith, second; Debbie Borden, third.
Standing broad jump — Susan Smith, first; Debbie Grady, Deming, second; Pam Archey, West Memorial, third.
Hop, step and jump — Stacy Miller, first; Pam Archey, second; Karen Norton, Wilson, third.

Boys, 6 to 8:
Hill climb — Scott Isabel, Deming, first; Tom Rizzo, Highland, second; Tony Scelsi, Crane, third.
Running long jump — Scott Isabel, first; Tony Scelsi, second; David Honiker, Deming, third.
Dash — Scott Isabel, first; Ted Motter, Williams, second; Tom Rizzo, third.
Standing broad jump — Scott Isabel, first; Ted Mottor, second; Robert Ballinger, Root, third.
Hop, step and jump — Scott Isabel, first; John Smith, Outer Williams, Second; Ted Mottor, third.

Girls, 9 to 11:
Hill climb — Kim Babbs, Pitt, first; Robin Scales, Pitt, second; Kathy Robitaille, Lakewood, third.
Running long jump — Debbie Donovan, Clapp, first; Annette Daoust, Highland, second; Colleen Burnick, Allen Heights, third.
Dash — Kim Babbs, first; Robin Scales, second; Mary-Jo Barber, Clapp, third.
Standing broad jump — Mary-Jo Barber, first; Peggy Donovan, Clapp, second; Annette Daoust, third.
Hop, step and jump — Kim Babbs, first; Elaine Sawa, West Memorial, second; Annette Daoust, third.

Boys, 9 to 11:
Hill climb — Ted Isabel, Deming, first; Mark Hebert, Outer Williams, second; Tom Murphy and Dean Dimassimo, Deming, third (tie).
Running long jump — Dean Dimassimo, first; Billy Mason, West Memorial, second; Chris Powell. root. third.
Dash — Ted Isabel, first; Mark Hebert, second; John Kasals, West Memorial, third.
Standing broad jump — Ray Hover, Lakewood, first; Kevin Lynch, Crane, second; John Kasala, third.
Hop, step and jump — Ted Isabel, first; Tom Murphy, Deming, second; Matt Pictrowski, Clapp, third.

Girls, 12 to 15:
Hill climb — Karen Devanny, Clapp, first; Dolores Biagini, West Memorial, second; Liz Dean, Highland, third.
Running long jump — Liz Dean, first; Karen Devanny, second; Dolores Giagini, third.
Dash — Dolores Biagini, first; Karen Devanny, second; Kelly Devanny, Clapp, third.
Standing broad jump — Dolores Biagini, first; Karen Devanny, second; Liz Dean, third.
Hop, step and jump — Kelly Devanny, first; Karen Devanny, second; Dolores Biagini, third.
Softball throw — Kelly Devanny, first; Karen Devanny, second; Diane Kostyun, Crane, third.

Boys, 12 to 15:
Hill climb — Tom Dowdell, Dewey, first; Paul Kasala, West Memorial, second; A. D. Adams, Dewey, third.
Running long jump — Paul Kasala, first; Tom Dowdell, second; Wayne Stockton, Dewey, third.
Dash — Tom Dowdell, first; Paul Kasala, second; A. D. Adams, third.
Standing broad jump — Paul Kasala, first; Jim Lennon, West Memorial, second; Tom Dowdell, third.
Hop, step and jump — Gary Adams, Dewey, first; Wayne Stockton, second; Paul Kasala, third.
Softball throw — Paul Kasala, first; Tom Dowdell, second; Rick Belair, West memorial, third.

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More play area proposed adjoining Stearns School

A proposal that the Stearns elementary school grounds become part of a neighborhood playground and recreation area will be put in writing by the School Buildings Needs Commission in the next few days.

The proposal envisions grading and possibly purchasing additional recreation land next to the school and phasing out the present Lebanon Avenue playground some distance away.

A letter endorsing the proposal will be drafted by commission chairman Anne E. Wojtkowski, who was asked to do so last night by Mayor Evan S. Dobelle. He made the request at a meeting of the commission and the School Committee, which dealt in part with plans for an addition to the 13-year-old school that will roughly double its size.

Hebert speaks

Park Supt. Vincent J. Hebert said today that he and Mrs. Wojtkowski have talked informally about the expansion of recreational facilities in the Lebanon Avenue neighborhood, where Stearns is, and about centering them at the school

The present Lebanon Avenue playground is 2.8 acres and has some drainage problems. The school grounds cover nearly 13 acres.

The 1972 report of the School Buildings Needs Commission, "A Study in Contrasts," advocates that "if sufficient level area around Stearns can be bulldozed or purchased, (the city should) sell Lebanon playground, down the street from Stearns, and carry on the Park Department programs on school grounds."

Master plan

No costs have been estimated and Hebert said he has yet to prepare any kind of formal proposal for the Park Commission. However, the City Council, meeting as a committee of the whole on Tuesday night, advising allocating $10,000 in city revenue-sharing funds to update the city's master plan on parks and playgrounds.

Dobelle said he wants the Stearns proposal to be part of it.

Current planning is to increase Stearns from its present size of nine permanent classrooms and two "portables" to 20 to 23 classrooms and to add a media center, arts room and special education rooms. It is part of the School Buildings Needs Commission's long-range proposal to enlarge and update the city's newer elementary schools and phase out the old ones built before 1924.

Playground schedule

FRIDAY

Abby Lodge — Bicycle race, 2:30 p.m.
Allendale — Bingo game, 10:30 a.m.; everybody's birthday, 1:30 p.m.
Allen Heights — Field trip day, all day.
Burbank — Scavenger hunt, 2 p.m.
Clapp — Find the candy bar, 1:15 p.m.
Common — Jokers' paradise, 1 p.m.
Crane — Stuffed-animal contest, 2 p.m.
Deming — T-shirt day, 1:30 p.m.
Dewey — Baby-picture contest, 3 p.m.
Egremont — Arm-wrestling tournament, 10:30 a.m.
Highland — Scavenger hunt, 1:30 p.m.
Lakewood — Spaghetti-eating contest, 2:30 p.m.
Lebanon — Tie dying, 1:30 p.m.
Osceola — Carom tournament, 1:15 p.m.
Pitt — African folk tales, 1:30 p.m.
Pitt Special — Stringbean contest, picnic with the leaders, noon.
Pontoosuc — Bicycle race, 1:15 p.m.
Root — Peanut hunt, 1 p.m.
Springside — Freckle contest, 2 p.m.
Wahconah — Horseshoe throw, 2 p.m.
West Memorial — Gym day, all day.
Williams — Ice cube contest, 10:30 a.m.
Outer Williams — Everybody's birthday, 10:30 a.m.
Wilson — Puppet crafts and show, 10 a.m.

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Playground schedule

WEDNESDAY

Abby Lodge — Hike to the Penguin, 1:15 p.m.
Allendale — What's in the package? 10:30 a.m.; masquerade party, 1:30 p.m.
Allen Heights — Bubble gum-blowing contest, 1.
Burbank — Lollipop-licking contest, 6:30 p.m.
Clapp — Everybody's birthday, 1.
Common — Crazy-hat contest, 1:30 p.m.; popsicle stick boxes, 10:30 a.m.
Crane — Marshmallow roast, 6 p.m.
Deming — Lollipop-licking contest, 2 p.m.; what's your favorite food?, 11:15 a.m.
Dewey — Dress your pet contest, 6:30 p.m.
Egremont — Ireland day; freckle contest 11 a.m.; four-leaf clover hunt, 2 p.m.
Highland — Bike decorating contest, 1:30 p.m.
Lakewood — Marshmallow-eating contest, 1:30, park cleanup, 3.
Lebanon — Record hop, 6:30 p.m.
Osceola — Record hop, 6:15 p.m.
Pitt — Creative balloon activity, 2:30 p.m.
Pitt Special — Sherlock Holmes investigation, 6:30 p.m.
Pontoosuc — Rid-the-litter day, all morning
Root — Frisbee-throwing contest, 1:30.
Springside — Horseshoe tournament, 6:30 p.m.
Wahconah — Doll day, 2.
West Memorial — Arabian sheik annual who day, 6:30 p.m.
Williams — Kool-Aid sale at Adams super market, 1:30-4 p.m.
Outer Williams — Italian day; pizza party, 6 p.m.
Wilson — Peanut-nose race, 6:30 p.m.

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Playground schedule

Thursday

Abby Lodge — Everybody's birthday party — 1:30 p.m.
Allendale — Pick up the park — 10:30 a.m.; onion-eating contest — 1:30 p.m.; Crazy-hat contest — 6 p.m.
Allen Heights — Spaceship party — 1 p.m.
Burbank — Marble shoot — 1:30 p.m.
Clapp — Checkers tournament — 2 p.m.
Common — See-saw marathon — 2 p.m.; leaf mobiles — 6:15 p.m.
Crane — Break the pinata — 2 p.m.
Deming — Freckle contest — 1:3a p.m.
Dewey — Bicycle safety rodeo — 1:30 p.m.
Egremont — Head-standing contest — 6:15 p.m.; Ivory flakes pictures — 3 p.m.; sound game — 1 p.m.
Highland — Tea and cookie party — 6:30 p.m.
Lakewood — Bicycle race — 3 p.m.; Popsicle-stick boxes—10:30 p.m.
Lebanon — Spelling bee — 3 p.m.
Osceola — Record hop — 6:15 p.m.
Pitt — African mask-making — 1 p.m.; African feast — 6 p.m.
Pitt Special — Secret day — all day.
Pontoosuc — Sand-castle contest — 10:30 a.m.
Root — Box lunch — noon.
Springside — Wheelbarrow races — 11 a.m.
WAHCONAH — Trip to Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary—1-4:30 p.m.
West Memorial — Barbecue — 4:30-8 p.m. with Crane and Springside.
Williams — Checkers contest — 10:30 a.m.
Outer Williams — Bubblegum-blowing contest — 6:30 p.m.
Wilson — Marshmallow roast — 6:30 p.m.

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Playground schedule

TUESDAY

Abby Lodge — Chess tournament-all day.
Allendale — Ice melting guessing contest-1:30 p.m.
Allen Heights — Talent show rehearsals-10:15 a.m.
Burbank — Trip to Dairy Queen-3:15 p.m.
Clapp — Bicycle race-1:30 p.m.
Common — Lake day - 11 a.m.; potato plants-6 p.m.
Crane — Little Miss and Mr. America contest-1:30 p.m.
Deming — Onion eating contest-2:15 p.m.; pinata making-2:30 p.m.
Dewey — Scavenger hunt-6:30 p.m.
Egremont — Onion eating contest-11 a.m.
Highland — Litter pick-up contest-10:30 a.m.
Lakewood — Decorate your bike contest-1:30 p.m.; M&M guessing contest-6:30 p.m.
Lebanon — Ice cube holding contest-3 p.m.
Osceloa — Bake sale at Big N - 10:15 a.m.
Pitt — Jaw breaker race-1:30 p.m.
Pitt Special — Beautiful baby hunt-2 p.m.
Pontoosuc — Bake sale-all day.
Root — Rubbish ball contest-3 p.m.
Springside — Lemon eating contest-3 p.m.
Wahconah — Home run derby-2 p.m.
West Memorial — Pie eating contest-2 p.m.
Williams — Bicycle races-2:30 p.m.
Outer Williams — Chinese day; Fortune cookies hunt and midafternoon tea-2 p.m.
Wilson — Lemon eating contest-3 p.m.

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City playground carnival set for tomorrow

Forty-nine booths representing 24 city playgrounds will be erected on the Common Playground on First Street tomorrow for the fourth citywide carnival sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Ball-toss games, water-basketball and a miniature golf course will be features of the carnival which opens at 11 a.m. and continues until 7:30 p.m.

The rock group Quick Fox will provide live music from 4:30 to 7:30 and refreshments will be available all day.

A 10-speed bicycle, a portable television set and a man's and a woman's wristwatch will be prizes for a drawing to take place at the end of the carnival. Proceeds will go toward special events programs at the various city playgrounds.

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Playground schedule

TUESDAY

Abby Lodge — Halloween day, 3 p.m.
Allendale — Scavenger hunt, 10:30 a.m.; Seesaw marathon, all day.
Allen Heights — Circus party, 1 p.m.
Burbank — Pittsfield Dog Obedience Club demonstration, 6:30 p.m.
Clapp — Bubble gum-blowing contest, 2:30 p.m.
Common — Carom tournament, 1 p.m.; making pencil holders, 10:15 a.m.
Crane — Backwards day, 1 p.m.
Deming — Carom tournament, 10:30 a.m.; self-portraits, 3.
Dewey — Block dance, 6-8:30 p.m.
Egremont — Carom tournament, 10 a.m.; soap sculptures, 2.
Highland — Lemon-eating contest, 1:30 p.m.
Lakewood — Balloon-blowing contest, 2 p.m.; sing-along, 6:30 p.m.
Lebanon — Marshmallow-stuffing contest, 3 p.m.
Osceola — Capture the flag, 6:15 p.m.
Pitt — Bake sale, 1 p.m.
Pitt Special — Bake sale, 1 p.m.
Pontoosuc — Marble-shooting contest, 2 p.m.
Root — Kick-the-can contest, 1:15, booth-building 6 p.m.
Springside — Braid contest, 6:30 p.m.
Wahconah — Tug-o-war, 2.
West Memorial — Booth-building day, all day.
Williams — Painting contest, 1.
Outer Williams — M&M guessing contest, 10:30 a.m.
Wilson — Sleazy greaser night — 6-8 p.m.

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Playground expansion proposed by Senger

City Councilman J. Francis Senger is asking that the city acquire four acres next to the Lebanon Avenue playground to more than double its size.

Commenting on a petition he filed earlier this week, Senger said the 2.8-acre park is in "dire need of repair and expansion. The kids don't even have a ball diamond."

The School Buildings Needs Commission is also looking at expansion of recreational facilities in that neighborhood. But its proposal is to enlarge the grounds at the nearby Stearns School and phase out the playground.

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Joel Librizzi

The winner by a smile

At Egremont Playground, it was "Dress-up-your-pet Day" Monday and one of the entries was Trigger, a kitten held by Jeanie Murphy, who we think could win a smile contest.

Playground schedule

TUESDAY

Abby Lodge — Treasure hunt — 2:30 p.m.
Allendale — Create-a-poster contest — 1:30 p.m.
Allen Heights — Shadow theatre — 1 p.m.
Burbank — Hole-in-one tournament — 3 p.m.
Clapp — Little Miss and Mr. America contest — 3:15 p.m.
Common — Kool-Aid and popcorn sale — 1:15 p.m.
Crane — Look-alike contest — 3 p.m.
Deming — King and queen contest — 2:15 p.m.; jokers' paradise — 10:45 a.m.
Dewey — Mummify the leader — 6:30 p.m.
Egremont — Candy hunt — 1 p.m.; mosaic pictures — 3 p.m.
Highland — Lollipop-licking contest — 3 p.m.
Lakewood — Home-run derby — 2:30 p.m.
Lebanon — Egg toss — 2 p.m.
Osceola — Lake day — 1:30 p.m.
Pitt — Home-run derby — 2 p.m.
Pitt Special — Spaceman's odyssey — 2:30 p.m.
Pontoosuc — What's-in-the-package? contest — 11 a.m.
Root — Toothpick designs — 1 p.m.
Springside — Marshmallow stuff — 1:30 p.m.
Wahconah — Marshmallow roast — 6:30 p.m.
West Memorial — Blueberry picking — 2 p.m.
Williams — Speech making — 11 a.m.
Outer Williams — Cracker whistle contest — 1:30 p.m.
Wilson — Easter day; egg designing — 1 p.m.; egg hunt — 3 p.m.; candy-guessing contest — 6:30 p.m.

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Playground schedule

Friday

Abby Lodge — Hike to McDonald's, 1:15 p.m.
Allendale — Tasting contest, 1:30 p.m.
Allen Heights — Skeleton stories, 1 p.m.
Burbank — Lemon-eating contest, 3:15.
Clapp — Trip to Dairy Queen, 1 p.m.
Common — Paint - your - face contest, 1:30.
Crane — Onion-eating contest, 2.
Deming — Horseshoe throw, 1:15.
Dewey — Bubble-gum contest, 10:30 a.m.
Egremont — Imitations, 10:30 a.m.; litter contest, 2.
Highland — Sand-castle contest, 10:30.
Lakewood — Little Ms. America contest, 2.
Lebanon — King and queen contest, 3.
Osceola — Bake sale at Big N, 1:15 p.m.
Pitt — Mystery game, 1:30.
Pitt Special — Crazy creative fashion show, 1:30.
Pontoosuc — What can you eat? 1:15.
Root — Checker tournament, all day.
Springside — Capture the flag, 1:30.
Wahconah — Mask contest, 2.
West Memorial — Doodles day, 11.
Williams — Dress - your - pet contest, 3.
Outer Williams — Hike to the Friendly, 1:15-3 p.m.
Wilson — Everybody's birthday; pin the tail on the donkey, 1 p.m.; balloon burst, 4:30.

Playground schedule

MONDAY

Abby Lodge — Ice-melting contest-1 p.m.
Allendale — Apple-biting contest-10:30 a.m.
Allen Heights — Prop play-1 p.m.
Burbank — Penny hunt-6:30 p.m.
Clapp — Litter pick-up contest-1:15 p.m.
Common — Lake day-1 p.m.
Crane — Home-run derby-1:30 p.m.
Deming — Bicycle ride-the-line contest-2:15; rock statues-10:30 a.m.
Dewey — Soccer game-3 p.m.
Egremont — Nature walk-10:30 a.m.; King and queen contest-6:15 p.m.
Highland — Peanut hunt-3 p.m.
Lakewood — Onion-eating contest-2:30 p.m.
Lebanon — Balloon-breaking relay contest-2 p.m.
Osceola — Silence contest-10 a.m.
Pitt — Three-legged race-2 p.m.
Pitt Special — Leaping-lazy-Lucy contest-2 p.m.
Pontoosuc — Biggest day-1:30 p.m.
Root — Chinese day; fortune-cookie hunt-1:30 p.m.
Springside — Masquerade party-6:30 p.m.
Wahconah — Discus throw-2 p.m.
West Memorial — Blip contest-2:30 p.m.
Williams — Swing contest-1:30 p.m.
Outer Williams — Rid-litter day-2:30 p.m.
Wilson — Valentine's Day; card contest-1 p.m.; candy hunt-6:30 p.m.

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Bicycle rodeo is Wednesday

The citywide bicycle-safety rodeo" sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at four different areas—Clapp Park, Deming Playground, the First Street Common and Allendale Playground.

Children will compete in three age groups, 6-8, 9-11 and 12-15. Among the events will be a snail ride, slalom race, coasting race, hitting-the-target competition, bicycle relay and straight-line-control test.

Other city playgrounds will be closed Wednesday afternoon so that all youngsters can participate in the rodeo.

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Playground schedule

TUESDAY

Allendale, Clapp, Common, Deming — Bicycle-safety day for all playgrounds — 1 p.m.
Allendale — Jump-rope contest, 10:30 a.m.
Clapp — Onion-eating contest, 11 a.m.
Common — Ice cube-eating contest, 6:30 p.m.
Crane — Softball throw, 6:30 p.m.
Deming — Cracker whistle contest, 10:45 a.m.
Egremont — Relay day, 10:30 a.m.
Lakewood — Leaf prints, 10:45 a.m.
Osceola — Capture the flag, 6:15 p.m.
Pitt Special — Supersensory surprises, 6:30 p.m.
Root — Dress-up-your-bike contest, 11 a.m.
Springside — Trip to McDonald's, 6:30 p.m.
Williams — Singing contest, 7 p.m.
Outer Williams — Greaser night, 6:30.
Wilson — Halloween day; costume contest, 6 p.m.; bob for apples, 6:30, candy grab, 7.

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Playground schedule

Thursday

Abby Lodge — Bake sale, 1 p.m.
Allendale — Four-leaf clover hunt, 10:30 a.m.; Kool-Aid and popcorn sale, 1:30.
Allen Heights — Potato puppets, 1 p.m.
Burbank — Indian-arm wrestling, 2:15.
Clapp — Talent show, 6 p.m.
Common — Treasure hunt, 2.
Crane — Ice-cube bold, 3.
Deming — Newspaper hats, 10:30 a.m.; What's in the package? 2 p.m.
Dewey — Wig day, 2.
Egremont — Everybody's birthday, 1 p.m.; popsicle-stick arts and crafts, 3 p.m.
Highland — Doll and truck show, 10:30 a.m.
Lakewood — Nature hike, 1:30; Freckle contest, 3; Story-telling, 6:30 p.m.
Lebanon — Peanut nose race, 2.
Osceola — Drawing and painting contest, 10:30 a.m.
Pitt — Swing marathon, 1:30 p.m.
Pitt Special — Jolly jumping-bean hunt, 3.
Pontoosuc — Show and share, 2.
Root — Scavenger hunt, 1.
Springside — Cowboy and Indian day, 2.
Wahconah — Special lunch, noon.
West Memorial — Backwards day, 10:30 a.m.
Williams — Lollipop hunt, 2.
Outer Williams — Hike to McDonald's, 10:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Wilson — Christmas day; tree trimming, 3; Christmas carols, 6 p.m.; pick presents from a bag, 7 p.m.

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TARGET-SHOOTING with rubber-tipped darts was one of the games at yesterday's Citywide Carnival sponsored by the Parks Department. The youngster is trying to hit the back of a frying pan suspended by rope in the background.

Citywide Carnival raises $1,700 for playgrounds

More than $1,700 was raised yesterday at the fourth annual Citywide Carnival sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation at the Common on First Street.

The carnival, which ran from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., consisted of game booths devised and constructed by the leaders and children of the individual city playgrounds.

Among the visitors at yesterday's carnival was Mayor Evan S. Dobelle, who tried his hand at almost every game. The mayor said the carnival was a tribute "to the great individual effort of the leaders and children."

After participating in the events, the mayor said he felt the carnival "proves that you can have as much fun here as you can at something as big as the firemen's muster."

Throughout the carnival, donation tickets were sold for a prize drawing held at the end of the day.

Proceeds from the activities will help pay for special events at the individual playgrounds.

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PET TURKEY is shown off by Brenda Burgner, 12, of Dalton Division Road at a pet show at the Outer Williams Playground. The pet show was one of the many daily activities sponsored at city playgrounds by the Parks Department.

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Nick Peck

ON YOUR MARK! are the words being awaited by these cyclists at Deming Playground where one of three "Bicycle Safety Rodeos" was held Wednesday by the Department of Parks and Recreation. This event is a "coasting race" in which participants must cease pedaling upon crossing a second line, about 15 feet away. The longest coast wins.

Park hoop league sets playoffs

Playoffs in the Park Department Summer Basketball League will start Monday night at 5:30 at Deming and Clapp parks. Regular-season play is ending this week. There are 10 boys' teams and four girl's squads.

Monday at Deming the Cranes (9-1) will play the Bullets (2-8) at 5:30 and the Stags (8-2) will meet the Generals (3-6) immediately after. At Clapp the Pros (12-0) will take on the Braves (2-8) at 5:30 and the Surgeons (9-3) will face the Celtics (3-8) in the second tilt.

On Tuesday at Deming it will be the Hot Shots (6-4) vs. the Nets (4-6). In the girls competition at Clapp Tuesday the Bruins will take on the Knicks and the Rhinos will play the Champs.

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Del Virgilio donates two more acres for playground in Yankee Orchard

Pittsfield contractor Del Virgilio is donating two additional acres of land at the end of Wealthy Avenue for use as a park, Councilman Henry V. Marchisio announced today.

Combined with the acre Virgilio gave the city there last year, Marchisio said, this provides sufficient land to create a neighborhood park for the Yankee Orchard section off outer East Street.

Marchisio is asking for city acceptance of the gift. In addition, he is asking Mayor Evan S. Dobelle for an $18,000 appropriation to design and equip a playground there. The Ward 3 councilman said the plot would be large enough for a football field and a baseball diamond.

The councilman is proposing that the park be named after Virgilio in gratitude for his gift of "valuable land."

Currently the city is considering buying 20 acres of land owned by another contractor, Joseph Francese, for a large park and possible future school site in the same general vicinity.

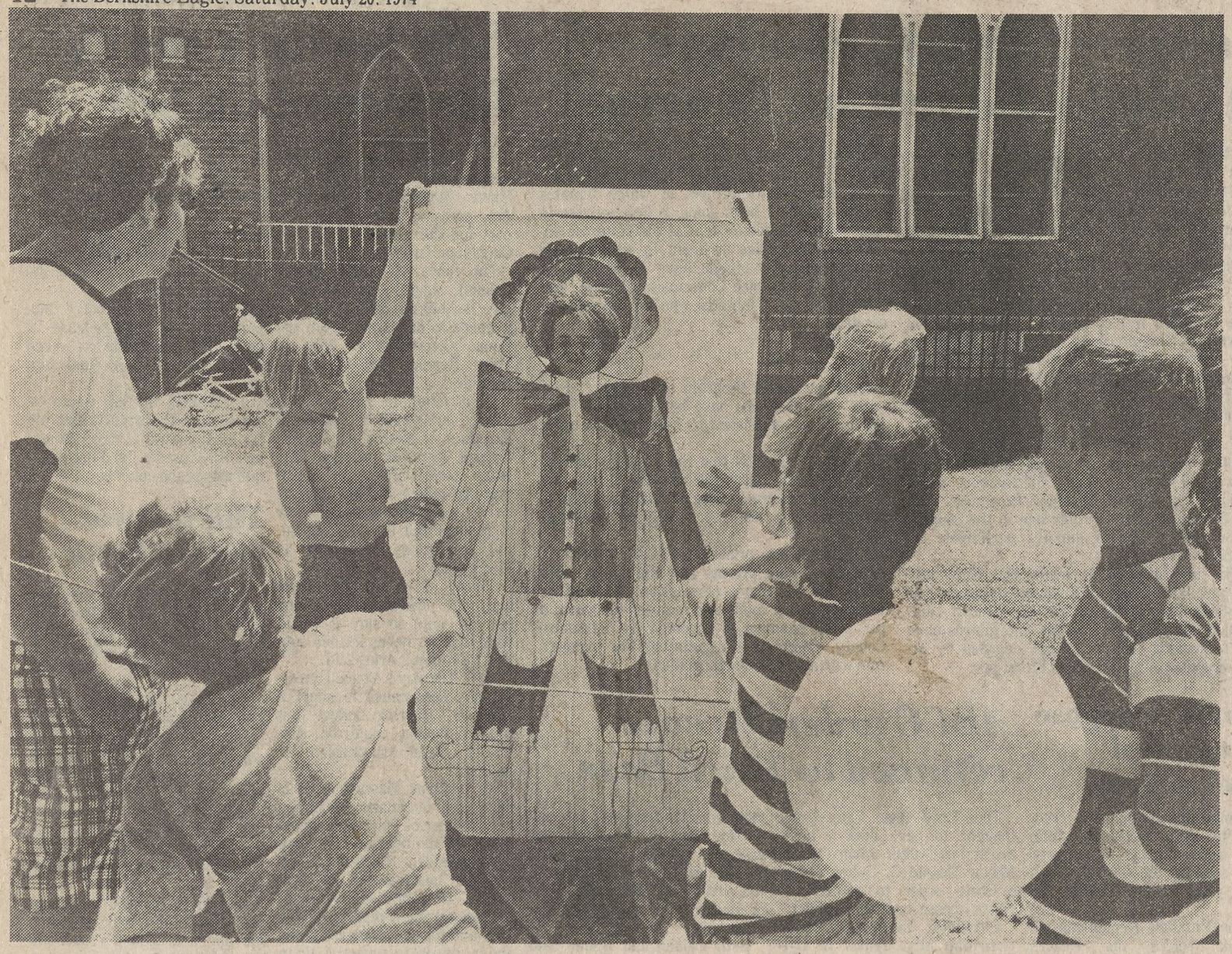
Marchisio said he would support that appropriation if city officials feel it is still necessary in light of the Virgilio gift.

"The residents of the Yankee Orchard area are very tired of hearing promises for a modest playground," Marchisio said. "This has continued for 30 years."

Marchisio said both he and former Ward 3 Councilmen Remo Del Gallo and Afred G. Bradley had been pressing for a park in that area for years.

"This area is tired of being a catchall for programs, dog pounds, landfills and commercial developments," Marchisio said.

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Smack in the Face

Getting it in the face with a wet sponge is the boy in the booth which featured this activity at the Pittsfield Park Department's annual carnival on the Common. Each of the city's playgrounds created a booth for the event, then all came to try them out.

Parks Department king and queen judging is tonight

The annual playground King and Queen Night sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation will be tonight at 7 at the North Junior High School auditorium.

A couple from each city playground will compete. Those participating will be from 5 to 9 years of age and will be judged by F. Thomas Collins, Patrice C. Whalen and Mrs. Evan S. Dobelle. Master of ceremonies will be John A. Mattoon.

Couples will appear on stage in the auditorium and will be asked questions. Judging will be on the couple's poise before the audience and the manner in which the questions are answered, not the answers themselves said Andrea G. Snell of the department.

Last year participants were asked, "If you had one wish, what would it be?"

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Park Dept. plays police, beach staff in softball tonight

The playground staff of the Department of Parks and Recreation will play the park police and public beach staff in a slow-pitch softball game tonight at 9 at Lakewood Field on Newell Street.

The public is invited.

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Playground schedule

FRIDAY

Abby Lodge — Peanut hunt, 1 p.m.
Allendale — Relay day, 1:30; sandbox sculpturing, 2:30.
Allen Heights — Lemon-eating contest, 2:30.
Burbank — Marble-shooting tournament. 2:30.
Clapp — Treasure hunt, 1.
Common — Lake day, 1:30.
Crane — Trip to Springside zoo, 1:15.
Deming — Park picnic at State Forest, 10:30-3:30; sing-along, 2.
Dewey — Trip to State Forest, 10 a.m.
Egremont — Bicycle demolition derby, 11 a.m.; Ivory Snow pictures, 3.
Highland — Relay races, 10:30.
Lakewood — Nationality day, all day.
Lebanon — Memory test, 2.
Osceola — Hole-in-one contest, 2:30.
Pitt — Price is right day, 1:30.
Pitt Special — Plushy puff contest, 2:30.
Pontoosuc — Football day, all day.
Root — Lollipop-licking contest, 2.
Springside — Kite-flying contest, all afternoon.
Wahconah — Picnic lunch, noon.
West Memorial — Greaser day, 3.
Williams — Volleyball game, 2.
Outer Williams — Midsummer masquerade, 1:30.
Wilson — Volleyball-tennis tournament, 1-4:30.

Playground schedule

TUESDAY

Abby Lodge — Surprise package, 2 p.m.
Allendale — Frisbee tournament, 1:30 p.m.; marshmallow roast, 6:15 p.m.
Allen Heights — Stuffed animal contest, 3 p.m.
Burbank — Penny hunt, 3 p.m.
Clapp — Mummify-your-leader, 1 p.m.
Common — Poster painting contest, 11 a.m.
Crane — Talent show, 1:15 p.m.
Deming — Checker tournament, 10:30 a.m.
Dewey — Silent contest, 1:30 p.m.
Egremont — Peanut nose race, 1 p.m.; yarn bottles, 3 p.m.; musical bikes, 6:15 p.m.
Highland — Honest day, all day.
Lakewood — See-saw marathon, all day; nature pictures, 3:30 p.m.
Lebanon — Clothespin bottle game, 2 p.m.
Osceola — Lake day, 1:15 p.m.
Pitt — Quick-change event, 2:30 p.m.
Pitt Special — Krazy Krafty Kites, 1:30 p.m.
Pontoosuc — Home run tournament, 2 p.m.; Mother Nature day, 10:15 a.m.
Root — Noodle designs, 3 p.m.
Springside — Onion-eating contest, 3:15 p.m.
Wahconah — Yo-yo contest, 3 p.m.
West Memorial — Whacky races, 2 p.m.
Williams — Greaser day, 2 p.m.
Outer Williams — Stuffed animal contest, 1:30 p.m.
Wilson — Fitz-a-night, 6:30 p.m.

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Playground schedule

MONDAY

Abby Lodge — Licorice eating contest-1:30 p.m.
Allendale — Ice-melting guessing contest - 10 a.m.
Allen Heights — Dress-your-pet contest - 3 p.m.
Burbank — Jump-rope tournament - 3:15 p.m.
Clapp — Wire-maze contest - 3 p.m.
Common — Carom tournament - 10:15 a.m.
Crane — Mummify-the-leader - 1:30 p.m.
Deming — Discus throw - 2 p.m.; leaf collecting - 6:30 p.m.
Dewey — Hollerin' contest - 6:30 p.m.
Egremont — Stuffed animal contest - 11 a.m.; leaf collecting - 6 p.m.
Highland — Capture-the-flag - 6:30 p.m.
Lakewood — Rubbish ball - 2:30 p.m.
Lebanon — Hike to the ranch - 2 p.m.
Osceola — Candy hunt - 1:15 p.m.
Pitt — Human statue contest - 2 p.m.
Pitt Special — Spicy and sassy surprise 1:30 p.m.
Pontoosuc — Softball toss - 10:30 a.m.; crayon etching - 1 p.m.
Root — Paper bag masks - 1:30 p.m.
Springside — Macaroni construction - 2 p.m.
Wahconah — Tug-o-war - 2 p.m.
West Memorial — Flex-your-muscles day - 10:45 a.m.
Williams — Jump-rope contest - 1:30 p.m.
Outer Williams — Royal coronation - 10:30 a.m.
Wilson — A day of games - 1-4:30 p.m.

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Playground schedule

WEDNESDAY

Abby Lodge — Four-leaf clover hunt, 1:15 p.m.
Allendale — Leaky sneaker day, 2 p.m.
Allen Heights — Softball throwing contest, 2.
Burbank — King and queen ceremony, 2.
Clapp — Marshmallow-stuffing contest, 11 a.m.
Common — Ecology day, 10:30 a.m.
Crane — Karen's birthday party, 3 p.m.
Deming — Greaser day and record bop, 2:30; butterfly mobiles, 10:30 a.m.
Egremont — King and queen coronation, 2.
Highland — King and queen coronation, 1:30.
Lakewood — Pie-eating contest, 1; make up stories, 3.
Osceola — Bobbing for fruit and candy, 1:15.
Pitt — Steal-the-bacon contest, 1:30.
Pitt Special — Hobo's dream contest, 2.
Pontoosuc — Track meet, all day.
Root — Onion-eating contest, 1:30.
Springside — Marble-shooting contest, 3.
Wahconah — Cracker whistle contest, 2.
West Memorial — King and queen coronation, 2:30.
Williams — Treasure hunt, 3.
Outer Williams — Lemon-eating contest, 1:30.
Wilson — King and queen warm-ups and crown making, 2:30.

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Playground schedule

THURSDAY

Abby Lodge — Capture - the - flag night, 6:30.
Allendale — Pick up the park, 10:30 a.m.; bingo, 1:30.
Allen Heights—Painting contest, 3.
Burbank—Apple bobbing, 6:30.
Clapp—Park picnic at Onota Lake with Lebanon, 11-6:30 p.m.
Common—Talent show, 2.
Crane—Pizza party, 5.
Deming—Track meet, 1:30.
Dewey — Volleyball marathon, 10:30.
Egremont—Pizza party, 6.
Highland—Dress - your - pet day, 1:30.
Lakewood — Cake - testing contest, 2; soap carving, 1.
Lebanon — Lake day at Onota Lake with Clapp, 11-6:30.
Osceola—Miniature golf, 1:15.
Pitt—Wheely contest, 2.
Pitt Special—Icy cool licking contest, 3.
Pontoosuc—Basketball day, all day.
Root—Croquet game, 1:15.
Springside—Fishing contest, 11
Wahconah—Scavenger hunt, 6:30.
West Memorial—Made - in - Japan day, 1:15.
Williams—M&M guessing contest, 11.
Outer Williams—Mini - Olympics and gymnastics day, 3.
Wilson—Crafts day, 1.

See "OLIVER" on
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Stephen Hawkins

WINNER'S SMILE cost city playgrounds queen Jennifer Broyles a loose tooth last night as she is shown here being crowned by Mayor Evan S. Dobelle. Playgrounds king Kevin DelMolino looks on. Ceremony attracted 300 to North Junior High School.

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King, queen of playgrounds crowned in ceremonies here

A winner's smile cost 7-year-old Jennifer A. Broyles, a tooth last night as she was crowned this year's queen of city playgrounds in ceremonies at North Junior High School auditorium.

Kevin R. DelMolino, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard DelMolino of 26 Farnsworth Ter. was crowned king in the annual contest sponsored by the Pittsfield Department of Parks and Recreation.

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According to her mother, Mrs. Bruce J. Broyles of 386 Cheshire Road, the new queen was afraid to smile during the ceremony for fear of losing an already loose tooth.

Evidently she didn't succeed, for immediately after she was crowned by Mayor Evan S. Dobelle, Mrs. Broyles said, Jennifer handed her mother the fallen tooth.

Twenty-four couples each representing one of the city's playgrounds competed in the event. They were asked questions by master of ceremonies John S. Mattoon, executive director of the Pittsfield Bicentennial Commission.

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When asked who he would want to be if he could be anyone in the world, Kevin replied, "My father." Jennifer said she would like to be "Queen Elizabeth of England."

Kevin said he wants to be an airline pilot when he grows up. Jennifer is aiming to be a gymnastics teacher. Both youngsters will enter the 3rd grade at Allendale School in the fall.

The royal couple, who represent West Memorial Playground, will be guests for the musical "Oliver" to be presented by the Park Department Aug. 16-18 at Taconic High School auditorium. They were also presented gift certificates from Ask Your Father, a North Street toy shop.

Judges for the contest were Mrs. Evan S. Dobelle, Miss Patrice C. Whalen and F. Thomas Collins.

Playground schedule

MONDAY

Abby Lodge — Softball throw, 1:30.
Allendale — Balloon race, 10:30; bicycle race, 2.
Allen Heights — Relay race, 3.
Burbank — Tug-o-war, 2:30.
Clapp — Silent contest, 1:30.
Common — Paper airplane contest, 1:30.
Crane — Awards day, 2.
Deming — Licorice-eating contest, 2.
Dewey — Dodge-ball tournament, 2:30.
Egremont — Picnic at Ponterril, 2:30-7.
Highland — Chech and Chong record night, 6:30.
Lakewood — Graffiti day, 1:30.
Lebanon — Egg carton designs, 2.
Osceola — Volleyball, 2:30.
Pitt — Instant game, 1:30.
Pitt Special — Sticky face contest, 2.
Pontoosuc — Lake picnic, 11.
Root — Arts and crafts day, all day.
Springside — Frisbee contest, 6:30.
Wahconah — Sand-castle contest, 2.
West Memorial — Soap carving, 7 p.m.
Williams — Frown contest, 1:30.
Outer Williams — Marathon day, all day.
Wilson — Volleyball jamboree, 6.

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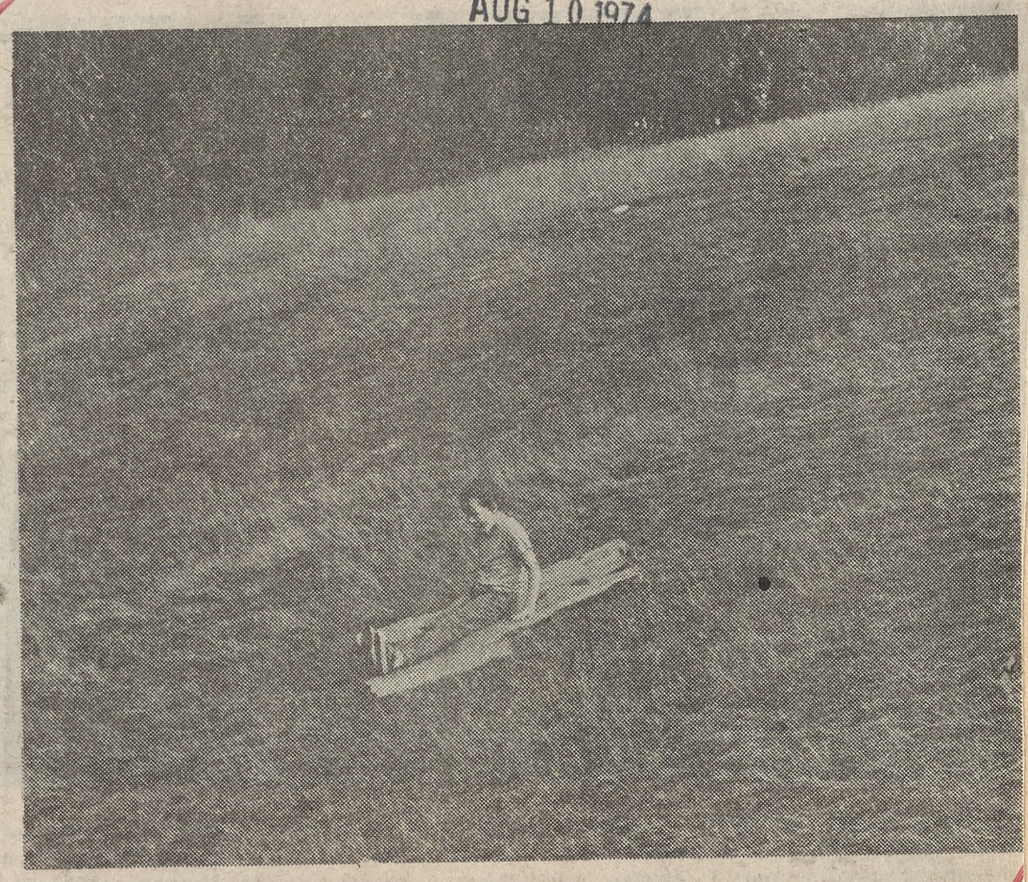


Guarded Move

Basketball action continues to be plentiful on outdoor courts in Pittsfield in midsummer, once the off season. Ball holder is stymied at Clapp Park.

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Sliding on the Grass

Bumping down the hill at Clapp Park, youngster is using a piece of cardboard as a means of sliding, which also is done on winter's crust.





Photos by Stephen Hawkins

'Oliver' on Allen Street

About 250 turned out on Allen Street last night for a preview of the Department of Parks and Recreation production of "Oliver," to be staged later this month at Taconic High School. In photo, at left above, are John Manning as Oliver and George Brewster as Mr. Bumble. At right, left to right, are Steve Harvey, Pam Archey, Gerard Harvey, Manning and Robin Volsky, who plays Fagin.

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Playground schedule

TUESDAY

Abby Lodge — Hobby show, 1:30 p.m.
Allendale — Tug-o-war, 11 a.m.
Allen Heights — Doll contest, 11 a.m.
Burbank — End of the year picnic, 5 p.m.
Clapp — Stuffed animal contest, 3 p.m.
Common — Everyone's grab-bag, 11 a.m.
Crane — Foul shooting contest, 1:30 p.m.
Deming — Popsicle stick art, 1:30 p.m.
Dewey — Story day, 1:30 p.m.; Carom tournament, 2 p.m.; marshmallow roast, 6:30 p.m.
Egremont — Surprise package, 11 a.m.; cloud watching, 2 p.m.
Highland — Checker tournament, 1:30 p.m.
Lakewood — Frisbee tournament, 3 p.m.; crazy hat making, 1 p.m.
Lebanon — Baby picture contest, 2 p.m.
Osceola — Trip to Ponterril, 1-7 p.m. p.m.
Pitt — Tricky dicky affair, 2:30 p.m.
Pitt Special — Apples and oranges escapade, 2:30 p.m.
Pontoosuc — Funny face day, 2 p.m.; rock painting, 2:15 p.m.
Root — Day of games, all day.
Springside — Stuffed animal contest, 2 p.m.
Wahconah — Face contest, 2 p.m.
West Memorial — Lollipop licking contest, 3 p.m.
Williams — Yelling and screaming contest, 2:30 p.m.
Outer Williams — Mystery clue treasure hunt, 1:30 p.m.
Wilson — Penny hunt, 2 p.m.

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Playground schedule

Wednesday

Abby Lodge — Horseshoe tournament, 2.
Allendale — Pizza night, 6:30.
Allen Heights — Crazy-hat contest, 2.
Burbank — Lemon-eating contest, 3:15.
Clapp — Marshmallow roast, 6:15.
Common — Pizza-pie party, 3.
Crane — Hula-hoop contest, 1:30.
Deming — Sneaker day, 2:15.
Dewey — Bubble-gum contest, 2; goodby night, 6:30.
Egremont — Swing contest, 1; rock people, 3; sing-along, 6.
Highland — Coloring contest, 1:30; marshmallow roast and awards night, 6:30.
Lakewood — Jogging contest, 1.
Lebanon — Rid litter contest, 3.
Osceola — Pizza night, 6.
Pitt — What's next? 2:15.
Pitt Special — Merry monsters day, all day.
Pontoosuc — Treasure hunt, 1.
Root — Blueberry picking, all day.
Springside — Popcorn and Kool-Aid sale, 1:30.
Wahconah — Quiet contest, 2.
West Memorial — Wartlogs game, 7.
Williams — Quiet contest, 10 a.m.
Outer Williams — Special surprise event, 1-4.
Wilson — Picnic supper, 5.

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Playground schedule

THURSDAY

Abby Lodge — Awards day, all afternoon.
Allendale — Mr. and Ms. America contest, 1:30.
Allen Heights — Baby-picture contest, 2.
Burbank — Surprise package, 3:30.
Clapp — Singing contest, 6 p.m.
Common — Auld Lang Syne day, all day.
Crane — Game day, 1:30.
Deming — Leaders' farewell follies day, 1:15.
Egremont — Greaser day, 1:30.
Highland — Carom tournament, 1:30.
Lakewood — Tie dyeing, 2.
Lebanon — Trip to Pleasant Valley Sanctuary, 1:30.
Osceola — Steal the bacon, 1:15.
Pitt — Say goodby and see you later, all day.
Pitt Special — A farewell to Pitt, 1:15.
Pontoosuc — Paper-sculpture contest, 3.
Root — Pizza night, 6:30.
Springside — Marshmallow roast, 6:30.
Wahconah — Bubble gum-blowing contest, 2.
West Memorial — Smile contest, 1:30.
Outer Williams — Face day, 1:30.
Wilson — Rid litter day, 3.

Play review

'Oliver' musical at Taconic

OLIVER. Musical by Lionel Bart, adapted from Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist." Direction, choreography and set design by Edward F. DiNicola, musical direction by Terry Forrest, assistant direction by Ariel Hall. Lighting by Adrien Van Vorst and Doug Burchesky and costumes by Beryl Nadeau, June Tierney and Kay Cuzzone. Presented by the Parks and Recreation Department Friday through Sunday at Taconic High School.

Oliver	John Manning
Mr. Bumble	George Brewster
Widow Corney	Glenda S. Roberts
Mr. Sowerberry	Bill Fitzgerald
Mrs. Sowerberry	Sarah Barbour
Charlotte	Linda Durfee
Noah	Andre Rodriques
Artful Dodger	John Miraglia
Fagin	Robin Volsky
Charley Bates	C. J. Weitakus
Nancy	Skye Burchesky
Bet	Mary Lisa Rivelli
Mrs. Bedwin	Beverly Krol
Mr. Brownlow	Donald Fredenburg
Dr. Grimwig	Mayor Evan S. Dobelle
Bill Sikes	Louis J. Roberts
Old Sally	Ariel Hall

By Susan Besaw

IF YOU DON'T think it is difficult to direct 17 principal characters in a musical, many of whom are children in their debut performance, and then coordinate these with an adults' and children's chorus numbering 38, and somehow make the finished production *work*, you have obviously never tried it. But director Edward DiNicola and musical director Terry Forrest have made a Herculean effort with a delightful production of "Oliver," sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and featuring adults and children from the community.

The Park Department usually ends the summer season with a variety show performed solely by children, but this year, partly because of the efforts of Mayor Dobelle's community outreach project, the finale has a nice mixture of all ages which truly bridges any generation gap.

If a few musical notes were hit too high or scenery wavered dangerously in midair, and someone remembered to close the curtain only *after* the props had been moved, no one cared in last night's dress rehearsal, least of all the audience.

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All the cast so obviously enjoyed singing together and marching around the stage that most had a hard time refraining from smiling. It was especially amusing when John Manning, as the winsome star Oliver, unsuccessfully tried to hide a grin while getting knocked about by misfortune.

Everyone knows the story of Oliver Twist, the poor orphan boy who is sold by the head of a workhouse for five pounds to an undertaker, where he sleeps among coffins and eats the dog's leftovers. Then he falls in with a gang of young ruffian pickpockets headed by the crafty Fagin. Oliver is caught thieving on the first day of the job and is befriended by his victim, the kindly Mr. Brownlow. Then more misfortune, a few improbable coincidences and all ends happily . . . well, almost (one very nice reformed lady criminal gets shot).

Lionel Bart's musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' novel, "Oliver Twist," makes light of the bleak poverty conditions in 19th century London. In its more serious moments, the musical approaches melodrama with its stock characters and situations, which by turns, elicit gasps and laughs from the audience.

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The songs are all delightful, particularly the catchy "Consider Yourself at Home," "Where Is Love?," "Reviewing the Situation" (excellently performed by Robin Volsky), "Who Will Buy?" and "I'd Do Anything," a parody on the cultured English classes.

All the cast deserve mention, but I especially liked John Miraglia as the Artful Dodger and Robin Volsky as Fagin. And I can't forget Glenda S. Roberts as the husband-hunting Widow Corney and George Brewster as Mr. Bumble, the man who gets caught; or Louis J. Roberts as the evilest villain of all, Skye Burchesky as his girlfriend Nancy and Mary Lisa Rivelli as her friend, Bet.

Then, of course, there is the undertaker, Mr. Sowerberry, played by Bill Fitzgerald and Sarah Barbour as his wife with Linda Durfee as their maid Charlotte. Nicely rounding out the cast are Andre Rodrigues as Noah, C.J. Weitakus as Charley Bates, Beverly Krol as Mrs. Bedwin, Donald Fredenburg as Mr. Brownlow and Ariel Hall as Old Sally. Even Mayor Evan Dobelle showed up for a brief scene as the brusque Dr. Grimwig. Broadway and John Lindsay, watch out!

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Edward DiNicola not only did a fine job of directing but also managed to find time to design marvelously functional and evocative sets of London streets.

Costumes by Beryl Nadeau, June Tierney and Kay Cuzzone seemed authentic enough for a professional production and lighting by Adrien Van Vorst and Doug Burchesky effectively enhanced the different moods.

The show is a fast-moving 2½ hours with one 15-minute intermission. It will be performed tonight and tomorrow at 8:30 and Sunday evening at 8 at Taconic High School.



Stephen Hawkins

A WINSOME OLIVER played by John Manning sits pensively on the steps while members of the adult chorus sing in last night's dress rehearsal of the musical "Oliver." The play will be performed at Taconic High School tonight through Sunday.

AUG 16 1974

Pros win Park Dept. hoop title

West, King selected most valuable players

The Pros won the championship of the Park Department Summer Basketball League by beating the Stags 82-62 in the playoff finals Tuesday night. Chuck West and Larry King were named the most valuable players in the playoffs.

Eugene "Butch" Quinn, who lost his life in an automobile accident later that same night, was the recipient of the sportsmanship award. He was selected by ballot following the game. George Jones of the Pros took the scoring title with a 24.6 average. The most - improved - player laurels went to Vin Petrocelli of the Nets.

West and King sparked the Pros in the championship game victory. West had 24 points and King 20. The Pros finished with a 16-0 record.

In the girls' competition the Knicks took the honors by downing the Bruins 36-19. Annie Barry led the Knicks with seven points. Laura Hartwell of the Bruins took game honors with 11 points.

League director Tom Bligh presented trophies to the winning teams.

'Oliver!' pleases New York showgoer

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

This past weekend I had the pleasure of witnessing the Pittsfield version of "Oliver!"

Despite difficulty with the acoustics, Pittsfield citizens nevertheless did themselves proud in their enthusiasm and I confess that I thoroughly enjoyed the performance. The set construction, the lighting, the properties and costuming exceeded most summer stock shows I have witnessed and Miss Burchesky's rendition of her songs was stirring and poignant and well done.

It was interesting to observe that the mayor's participation in the production made it a genuine community undertaking. His appearance will undoubtedly invite comparison with the histrionic ability of our own former Mayor Lindsay.

The Department of Parks and Recreation as well as Mayor Dobelle should be congratulated upon their ability to harness the talent of the Pittsfield citizenry into such a warm and glowing musical production.

I thank Pittsfield for a very pleasant evening.

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New York, N.Y.

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AUG 19 1974

Mayor suggests forming municipal arts council

By Grier Horner

Mayor Evan S. Dobelle is suggesting that an Arts and Humanities Council be set up here to foster cultural and artistic events in the downtown area and the neighborhoods.

The mayor's longstanding interest in a continuing program of such events has been buoyed by the popular success of the Park Department's production of the musical "Oliver" this weekend and the response to two downtown events this summer.

One of these was a Jacob's Pillow dance presentation on the Dunham Mall and the other a preview of "Oliver" outside City Hall.

Year-round program

Dobelle said he will ask the Bicentennial Commission's cultural affairs committee, as it works on a 1976 program, to aim for creation of the permanent Arts and Humanities Council.

Dobelle envisions this leading to not only a "summer thing" project but year-round activities.

The mayor believes that one approach to bringing people downtown to stimulate business is to have more cultural events in the heart of the city.

He believes the Bicentennial Commission committee, headed by Edward F. DiNicola, who directed "Oliver," could work with the Park Department, the Town Players, Berkshire Community College and others.

"I think it's about time that we start doing these things more," Dobelle said.

More than sports

In its recreational aspects, Dobelle sees a broader role for the Parks Department in activities other than sports. Many youngsters and adults, he feels, would welcome more opportunities to engage in nonsporting events such as "Oliver."

Participating in "Oliver" was an "exciting experience" both for the youngsters and adults who appeared in that play, the mayor said.

Dobelle had a minor role as Dr. Grimwig in "Oliver."

Features of a continuing program, he said, could be a citywide drama organization, the start of a small symphony orchestra, street theatre, a children's chorus and puppet shows.

The Arts and Humanities Council, Dobelle told reporters, might be able to attract federal and foundation funds.

'Oliver' was seen by total of 2,014

Attendance at the three-night run of "Oliver," a musical staged by the Department of Parks and Recreation over the weekend at Taconic High School was 2,014 people, the department said today.

The entire project appears to have broken even financially, they said.

SEP 19 1974

Groundbreaking set Saturday for new park

Congressman Silvio O. Conte and other officials will participate Saturday in groundbreaking ceremonies for the new West Side neighborhood park.

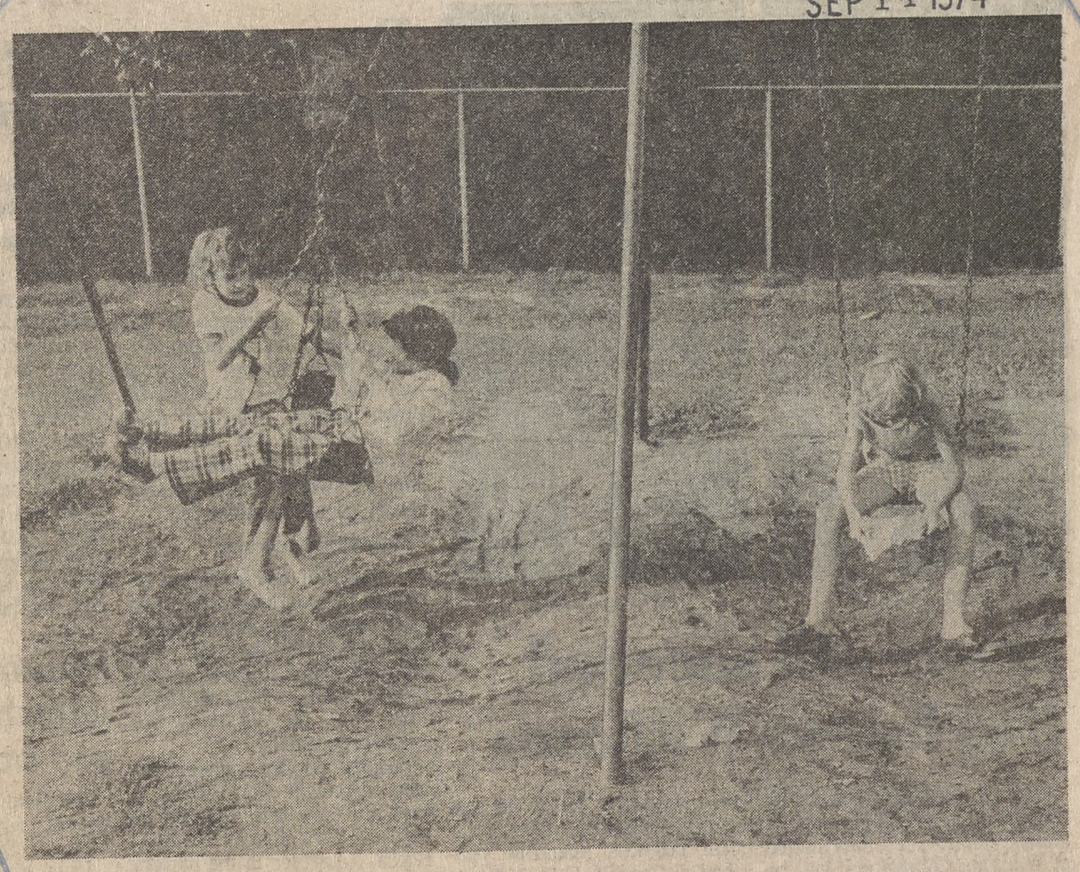
The park is being created on riverbank land that until recently was the site of the Perlman scrapyard. It is located on West Street.

Petricca Construction Co. has already started work on the park project under a $102,000 contract with the Pittsfield Redevelopment Authority, headed by Donald D. Soule.

Soule's agency has set the ceremony for 2 p.m. Saturday.

The park project is part of the PRA's effort to rehabilitate the West Side under neighborhood improvement aspects of urban renewal.

SEP 14 1974



Tied Up

Swingers at the Common playground are still in action even though school has hurt attendance and seems to have influenced patterns of swing.

Improvements to start soon on Pitt Playground

Extensive improvements to the Pitt Playground at Columbus Avenue and John Street will be started by the Pittsfield Redevelopment Authority after Labor Day.

The Petricca Construction Co. is the contractor, winning the job on the basis of a low bid of $39,806. Petricca will also be building the Authority's new park on West Street at Dewey Avenue on the site of the Perlman scrapyard.

Both jobs are part of the PRA's West Side rehabilitation project.

The Pitt Playground plan was prepared by Pittsfield architect Robert B. Deloye. It will include a small stage, toilet facilities, an adventure walk for small children, a tricycle path surfaced in dirt to avoid hard-surface injuries, limited picnic and barbecue facilities, an earthen mound for playing king of the hill and additional playground equipment.

The most expensive item in the project is the stage and toilets. They will be incorporated in one $19,000 building. The roofed-over stage will face the park and the rest rooms will be located in the back of the structure.

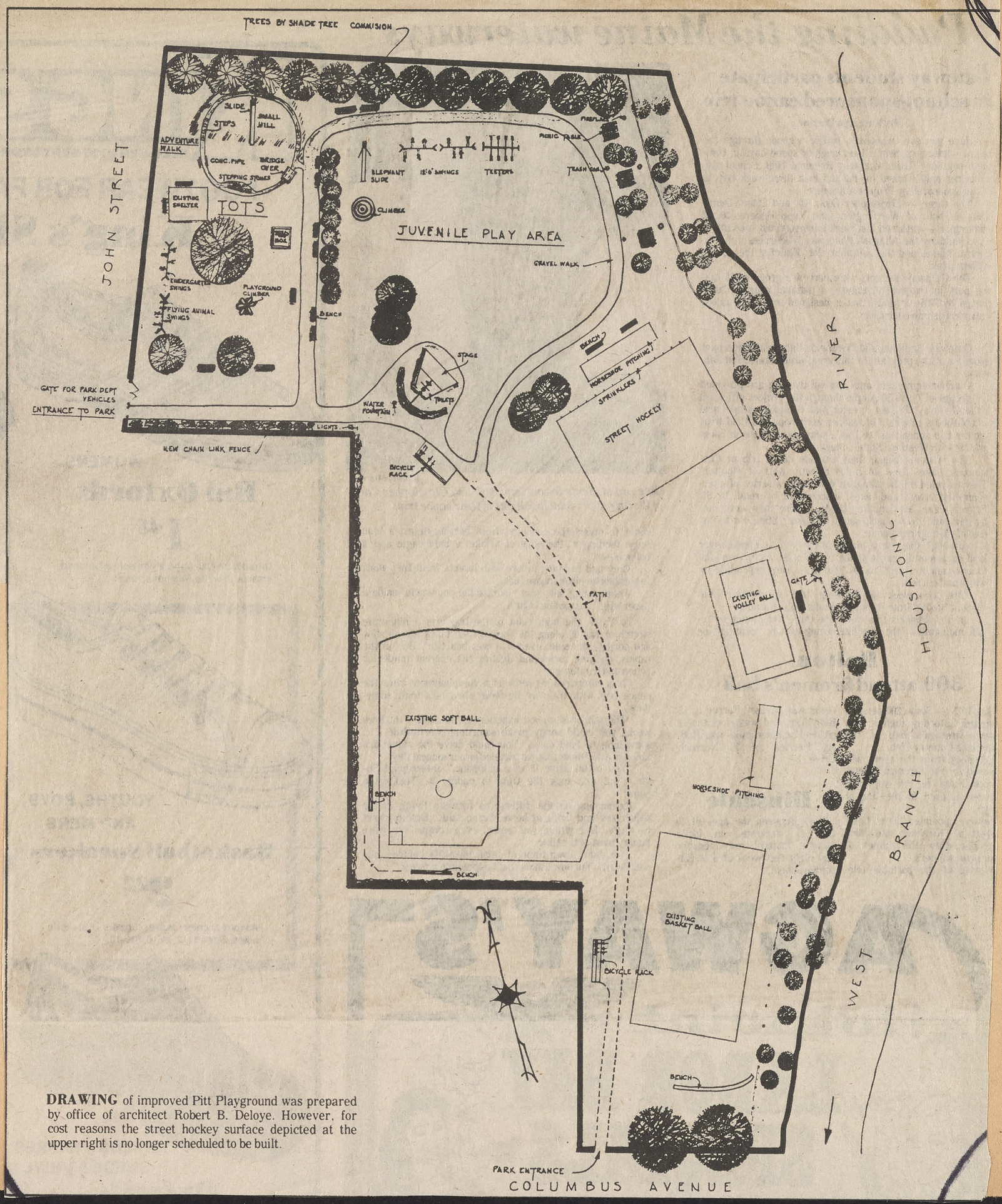
New playground equipment will include seesaws, a large slide, a swinging gate, a climber, a low balance beam, a gym set, a concrete pipe to crawl through, a "pier walk," three picnic tables, three outdoor grills and two bike racks. Improved lighting will be installed.

The playground currently has a basketball court, softball field, swings and other playground equipment which will be retained.

Sandra Keel, head of the West Side Project Area Committee's playground subcommittee, said that the committee is shooting for more planned activities for the park "to get the best mileage out of it."

Groups interested in holding events in the park, she said, can contact her at the Early Childhood Development Center.

Mrs. Keel said the various activities will be coordinated so that they don't conflict.



DRAWING of improved Pitt Playground was prepared by office of architect Robert B. Deloye. However, for cost reasons the street hockey surface depicted at the upper right is no longer scheduled to be built.

OCT 16 1974

Park Dept. to hold adult skating class

The Department of Parks and Recreation will sponsor a series of adult skating lessons on Thursday mornings from 10 to noon at the Boys' Club indoor skating rink. The series will begin Oct. 24 and will run through Jan. 9. A second series is scheduled from Jan. 16 through March 27.

Persons enrolling in the series will be placed in groups with other skaters of similar ability. Each week they will receive a lesson of approximately one half-hour duration. The remainder of the time period will be set aside for practice time.

Participants will be instructed in the basics of skating and will also have an opportunity to work on the various levels of dances. Instructor for the series will be Patrick Dean, a local skating professional.

There is a charge for this program. Persons wishing additional information may call the Park Department.

City note

—The Department of Parks and Recreation said today that there are still vacancies left in the adult skating program conducted Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon at the Boys' Club indoor rink. The program is scheduled to get under way this Thursday and will run through Jan. 9. Persons wishing additional information should contact the department, the announcement said.

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Figure-skating offered for adults

The Department of Parks and Recreation today announced it will conduct a public, adult figure-skating session at the Boys' Club rink on Thursdays from 10 to noon. This session will be held in conjunction with the adult skating lessons now being held at the same time.

The department said there will be a nominal charge for use of the ice.

DEC 9 1974

Registration Wednesday for skate program

Registration for the Christmas vacation learn-to-skate program for Pittsfield children 6 through 15 years old will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Springside House at 874 North St.

The program will be held on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 26 and 27, and Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 30 and 31, from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Boys' Club rink. The program, which is sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, is limited to the first 100 children who register. Instructors will be several area skating professionals.

During each of the four days of lessons, children participating will have a half-hour lesson plus a half-hour of practice time. As part of the program again this year the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee will conduct the beginners skaters' games, which are basic skills tests of the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA). Children in the program will be able to take these tests on the Monday and Tuesday the program is running during their half-hour practice time. For each test successfully completed, a child will receive a small USFSA patch. Mr. and Mrs. Peter B. Franz are in charge of this part of the program.

The Park Department said no registrations by phone will be accepted for the learn-to-skate program on the day of the registration, but if vacancies exist the following day, phone registrations will then be accepted. A nominal registration fee is charged for this program.

DEC 3 1974

Registration for Parks' adult ski lessons set

The Department of Parks and Recreation's adult ski registration will be held on Thursday and Friday at the Springside House at 874 North St. from 7:30 to 8:30 both evenings.

Lessons will be given on Tuesday through Friday evenings at the Bousquet ski area under the direction of Court McDermott, ski school director. McDermott will be present at both registrations to answer all questions regarding the adult ski instruction program.

DEC 4 1974

Learn-to-ski sign-up is Saturday at 9

Registration for the children's learn-to-ski program of the Department of Parks and Recreation will be held Saturday morning at 9 at the Park Department office at Springside House at 874 North St.

The department announced that only 100 youngsters will be registered for this session which is for beginners only. Children must be at least eight years of age and not over 16 and must reside in Pittsfield. No registration will be taken over the phone. The $1.50 fee must be paid at the time of registration. Parents may register their own children only.

The series of five lessons will start Saturday morning, Dec. 14, at 8:30, weather permitting.

Court McDermott, Bousquet ski school director, will have charge of the program at the Bousquet ski school area.

Soccer league has registration

Registration will be held during the coming week for the summer soccer league of the Parks Department. Nineteen year olds and under are elegible.

Officials plan to hold tryouts Monday, July 1, at 6:30 at the Taconic High field. The league will begin Monday, July 8.

Interested players can register at the Parks Department office, 874 North St. between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.

JUN 22 1974

JUN 26 1974

Lack of interest endangers Park Soccer League

Only 21 boys have registered for the Park Department Summer Soccer League. Unless more interest is shown between now and Friday, which is the deadline for registration, the program will not run this year.

Boys 19 and under are eligible to register by telephoning the Park Department office or by calling in person at 874 North St.

Soccer loop ready to go tomorrow

Summer booters have twin bill at Taconic field

The Summer Soccer League will open its schedule tomorrow night with two games at the Taconic High field. The league, conducted by the Park Department, has 94 boys registered.

Players are divided into A and B divisions according to age. The younger group will play at 6 p.m. and the older boys at 7. Games are slated Monday through Thursday nights hereafter.

The Cubs and Bears will meet tomorrow. The Lions and Tigers will play Thursday. Players can still be added to rosters through the Park Department. Additional coaches and officials are needed.

The rosters:

Cubs 'A': Francisco Girona, Chris Huban, Pat McInerney, John Jansen, Steve Casucci, Rick Sinopoli, Jim Vanasse, Jay Sachetti, Ron Hatch, Brad Mosher, Dick Rusk, Eric Haupt, Dale Hume, Tom LaBarbera.

Cubs 'B': Shaun Farley Robert DiNicola, Brian Mitchell, Ed Kelly, Steven Brcezinski, Pat O'Neil, Greg Kenn, Ronald Navroski, Raul Pedraja, Dom Pizzuto, Kevin Farley.

Tigers 'A': Bucky Worthen, Winston DiNicola, Al Asher, Tracey Goodrich, Rick Harrington, Joe Unwin, Tim Crane, Jim Barrington, Paul Morgan, Shaun Moynihan, Tim Tomasi, Art Pelletier, Chris Southard, Maurice Crawford, Frank Markowitz.

Tigers 'B': Pete Gennari, Chris Cancilla, Mike Tornicelli, John Carnevale, Jerry Penna, Ed Smith, Kevin Drew, Tim Nary, Douglas Guinan, Mark Dallmeyer.

Lions 'A': Bill Lyon, Jon Aranoff, Ken Aranoff, Keith Eksuzian, Rick Hopper, John Manners, Ron Jennings, Bob LaBarbera, Mark Gingras, Jay Magee, Joseph Gennari, Jeff Lyon, Steve Tomasi, Steve Maynard.

Lions 'B': Dale Maynard, Dean Maynard, Bill Spence, Jack Maloy, Tom O'Brien. Tim O'Brien, Steve Leon, Rick Morris, Mark Peronto, David Gionet, Alan Gionet, Bob Mickle.

Bears 'A': Jim Schermerhorn, Mike McNeil, Fernando Godoy, Joe Penna, Dave Allen, Greg Bailey, Mike Fletcher, John Valenti, Jim Creer, Dan Pictrowski, Larry King, Pete Gaviorno, Bob Stanton, Keith Gasperd.

Bears 'B': Pete Barris, Ed Preboden, Jeff Groat, Tom Hoffman, Bob Hoffman, Vin Gallo, Scott Prindle, Ted Taylor, Roger Kovary, Keith Skowron.

JUL 9 1974

Soccer camp scheduled next month

Boys' Club, Parks to cosponsor sessions at THS

The Boys' Club and Department of Parks and Recreation will sponsor a boys' soccer camp Aug. 5-16 at Taconic High School on Valentine Road.

The camp will be open to boys entering 4th to 12th grades as of September. There is no charge, but enrollment will be limited.

Former Pittsfield High soccer coach Bob Magee, who is now head coach at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., will be camp director. He will be joined by Taconic High coach Ralph Gionet, Harvard University varsity player Robb Magee and Sandy Wieder of the Connecticut Wildcats pro team.

The program's activities will cover individual and team soccer skills, conditioning drills, offense and defense formation and strategy, and rules. Games will be a part of the program also.

Entrants from Grades 10-12 should show up at the THS soccer field at 10 a.m. Their practice will last until noon. Boys entering the 7th-9th grades will practice from 1-2:30.

Boys entering Grades 4-6 report at 2:30 and practice until 4.

All scheduled practices will be held Monday through Friday. Only the first 26 applications in each division will be accepted.

Boys are asked to mail or bring the application published in The Eagle sports section to the Boys' Club on Melville Street or to the Park and Recreation Department office at Springside House on upper North Street on or before Aug. 1.

Boys' Club — Park Dept.
Soccer Camp application . . .

Name.....

Address.....

School grade (as of September 1974 .....

School ..... Age .....

Parent's Signature .....

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Izzo, Flocken in Easterns

JAN 5 1974

David Izzo and Bruce Flocken will represent the Pittsfield Parks Skating Club in the Eastern Seaboard Speed Skating Championships today and tomorrow at Olympic Stadium, Lake Placid, N.Y.

Izzo will compete in the senior men's events, Flocken in the intermediate boys'.

Bruce Flocken finishes fourth in three races

Bruce Flocken, intermediate boy, skating with the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club scored three fourths over the weekend in the Eastern Seaboard Outdoor Speed Skating Championships at Lake Placid, N.Y. He had fourths in the one-sixth mile, 880 and two-mile. He qualified for all finals.

The meet was sanctioned by the Northern New York Skating Association, Inc., and conducted under the auspices of Lake Placid Peewee Association, North Elba Park District, village of Lake Placid and the member associations of the Eastern Scheduling Committee.

Next weekend the local club will participate in the Eastern States Outdoor Championships at Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

JAN 8 1974

Local trio skating in Eastern meet

Local skaters George Betti, David Izzo, and Bruce Flocken will be competing in the 42nd annual Eastern States Outdoor speed skating championships at Recreation Field in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. over the weekend.

Betti and Izzo are entered in the senior men's division. Flocken will compete in the intermediate boy grouping. All are members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club.

Starting time both today and tomorrow is 1 p.m. The final race tomorrow will be the three-mile George W. Purdy memorial cup race for senior men.

JAN 12 1974

JAN 15 1974

Bruce Flocken only scorer for locals

One hundred and sixty-four speed skaters took part in the 42nd annual Eastern States outdoor speed skating championship on the weekend in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. The only member of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club to score points was intermediate boy Bruce Flocken, who had a third in the 440 and fourths in the 330 and 880.

Winning the three-mile race was senior man Bob Fischer of Hollis, N.Y. Fischer will be in the running this weekend in the five-mile Exchange Club Francis E. Douglas memorial event in Pittsfield at the Berkshire Hills outdoor speed skating championships, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday on Pontoosuc Lake.

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FEB 9 1974

PPSSC sending five to races this weekend

Five local speed skaters will participate in speed-skating activities today and tomorrow to Lake Placid, N.Y. They are: Joanne Farry, senior women; Arnold Franz, peewee boys; Bruce Flocken, intermediate boys; and David Izzo, senior men. Pittsfield Parks Speed-Skating Club coach Alex Goguen will also participate after a layoff of approximately 13 years.

Miss Farry, Franz, Flocken and Izzo will take part in the Diamond Trophy outdoor speed-skating championships conducted under the auspices of the Lake Placid Speed-Skating Club, the Lake Placid Peewee Association, the North Elba Park District and the Village of Lake Placid. Goguen will compete in the 1974 Senior Olympics outdoor speed-skating championships.

Both events are sanctioned by the Northern New York Skating Association, Inc.

Franz wins his second crown

FEB 12 1974

Goguen finishes second in four skating races

Peewee boy Arnold Franz, a member of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club, has won his second championship in as many competitions. He took first place medals in the 55, 110, 220 and 1/6 mile at the Diamond Trophy Outdoor speed skating championships held over the weekend at Lake Placid, N.Y.

Intermediate boy Bruce Flocken had fourth-place finishes in the one- and two-mile event. Local club coach Alex Goguen, skating in the first Senior Olympics finished second in the 200-, 500-, 1,000- and 1,500-meter competition in his age group. Senior Olympics have been held in several of the summer Olympic events but this was the first for a winter Olympic event. Some 35 skaters from the United States and Canada participated. The keenest competition of the meet was in the 500-meter when Ken Bartholomue of Minnesota beat Goguen.

The weekend events took place at the Olympic Stadium, the site of the 1936 Winter Olympic speed skating events.

FEB 16 1974

Local skaters entered in title meet

Three members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club enter the Atlantic Coast Indoor Speed Skating Championships this evening in Bridgeport, Conn., they are: Joanne Farry, senior woman; Kurt Hospot, juvenile boy and David Izzo, senior man.

The meet is sponsored by the Greater Bridgeport Speed Skating Club and sanctioned by the Connecticut Skating Association.

Izzo will take part in the Middle Atlantic Outdoor Speed Skating Championships tomorrow at Newburgh, N.Y. The races are scheduled for Recreation Park and will start at 10 a.m. The meet is conducted by the Newburgh Lions Club, Inc., in cooperation with the city of Newburgh and sanctioned by the Middle Atlantic Skating Association.

Kurt Hospot, Bruce Flocken division champs

Juvenile boy Kurt Hospot and intermediate boy Bruce Flocken of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club won divisional championships in competition over the weekend.

Hospot took his title Saturday in the Atlantic Coast indoor championships at Bridgeport, Conn. He won the 220-, 440- and 88-yard events.

Flocken won his division honors in the Middle Atlantic outdoor championships at Newburgh, N.Y. He was first in the 880, three-quarter mile and mile and second in the 220 and 440.

Flocken had seconds in the 440-, 880- and three-quarter mile Saturday at Bridgeport, senior woman Joanne Farry was second in the 440, third in the 880 and fourth in the mile.

Senior man Dave Izzo finished third in the 880 and fourth in the mile at Newburgh.

FEB 19 1974

FEB 23 1974

Four members of PPSSC racing at Clinton, N.Y.

Four members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club are centered in the Eastern Seaboard indoor speed skating championships today and tomorrow at Clinton, N.Y. They are senior woman Joanne Farry, juvenile boy Kurt Hospot, intermediate boy, Bruce Flocken and senior man David Izzo.

The races, being held at the Clinton Arena, are under the auspices of the Utica Speed Skating Club and sanctioned by the Amateur Skating Union of the U.S. and the Northern New York Skating Association, Inc.

At a meeting of the Northern New York Skating Association board of control, scheduled to be held this weekend at Utica, skaters will be approved for the National indoor and North American indoor meets scheduled for Chicago and Ste. Foy, Que., Canada, respectively, in March.

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FEB 26 1974

Three members of local club score points

Three members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed-Skating Club scored points in the Eastern Seaboard indoor speed-skating championships held over the weekend in Clinton, N.Y.

Joanne Farry, senior woman, had a second in the 440 and fourths in the 880 and one mile. Bruce Flocken, intermediate boy, had a third in the one mile and fourths in the ¾ and one mile. Kurt Hospot, juvenile boy, had fourths in the 220 and 330.

Pittsfield people serving as officials were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Ryan, clerks of court; Carl E. Peaslee, judge; and Mrs. Mary Smith and Mrs. Peaslee, scorers.

The local club will participate in the Pittsfield indoor speed-skating championships this weekend at the Wilde Sports Center, Lenox.

Parks skaters to compete at Wilde Center

Ten members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club are competing in the Pittsfield indoor championships today and tomorrow at the Wilde Sports Center in Lenox.

Top entry is senior Bill Lanigan, two-time Olympic team member. Lanigan won the Berkshire Hills outdoor title here in January.

Also entered are Kathy Brown, pee wee girls; Joanne Farry, women's; Arnold Franz and Eric Plouffe, pee wee boys; Michael Brennan, Jimmy Brown and John Miraglia, midget boys; Kurt Hospot, juvenile boys; Bruce Flocken, intermediate boys, and David Izzo, senior men.

The meet is sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation and is sanctioned by the U.S. Amateur Skating Union and the Northern New York Skating Association. Meet director is Carl Peaslee.

Races today start at 1 p.m., tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. Admission is free.

MAR 2 1974

Five local skaters racing at Lake Placid

The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club will be represented at the Diamond Trophy indoor speed skating championships at Lake Placid, N.Y., this weekend by five members. They are senior woman, Joanne Farry, midget boy John Miraglia, juvenile boy Kurt Hospot, intermediate boy Bruce Flocken and senior man David Izzo.

The races will take place in the Olympic Arena and are open to registered amateur skaters of the United States and Canada. The event is sanctioned by the Northern New York Skating Association, Inc., and conducted under the auspices of the Lake Placid Speed Skating club, the Lake Placid Peewee Association and the North Elba Park District.

MAR 9 1974

Hospot wins 1st Diamond Trophy title

Kurt Hospot, a member of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club, won his first Diamond Trophy indoor speed skating championship at Lake Placid, N.Y., last weekend. Skating as a juvenile boy he won the 440, 660 and 880 and had a second in the 220.

Other club members scoring points were: senior woman Joanne Farry with a second in the 440, third in the 660 and a fourth in the three-quarter mile, intermediate boy Bruce Flocken with thirds in the 440, 660 and 880 and fourths in the three-quarter- and one-mile and midget boy John Miraglia a fourth in the 220.

MAR 12 1974

Kurt Hospot racing in nationals

Kurt Hospot, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hospot of 75 Narragansett Ave., Lanesboro, will take part in the national indoor speed-skating championships in Illinois this weekend. An 8th-grade student at Mt. Greylock Regional High School, Hospot has been competing for the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club for seven years.

The national meet will be held at Randhurst Ice Rink, Mt. Prospect, Ill. and is sanctioned by the Amateur Skating Union of the United States and the Illinois Skating Association and is conducted under the auspices of the Mayor Daley Youth Foundation.

Hospot has been approved by the Northern New York Skating Association to compete in this event.

MAR 14 1974

MAR 16 1974

Local skaters in Albany meet

Six members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club have entered the Capital District speed skating championships to be held today at Swinburne Park, Albany, N.Y. They are midget girl, Tracy Hospot; pee wee boys, Arnold Franz and Eric Plouffe; midget boy, David Sutherland; intermediate boy, Bruce Flocken; and senior man, Dave Izzo.

This is the first meet the new Capital District Speed Skating Club has put on. The meet is sanctioned by the Northern New York Skating Association. Races will start at 2 p.m.

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Paul Rocheleau

REPRESENTING the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club in the Pittsfield indoor championships Saturday and Sunday at the Wilde Sports Center at Lenox will be: standing, left to right, first row, Michael Brennan, Arnold Franz, Kathy Brown, Eric Plouffe and John Miraglia; second row, Bruce Flocken, Kurt Hospot, Joanne Farry, Jimmy Brown, Dave Sutherland and Dave Izzo. Also in photo are coaches Alex Goguen, kneeling left, and Jim Brown Sr. More than 150 are expected for the meet.

MAR 19 1974

Parks skaters take 3 titles, tie for another

Three members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club won championships and one tied at the Capital District speed skating championships Saturday at Albany, N.Y.

Midget girl Tracy Hospot, peewee boy Arnold Franz and senior man Dave Izzo won their class championships and intermediate boy Bruce Flocken tied in his division with Ed Mikuta of Utica, N.Y.

Tracy Hospot won the two lap and had a second in the four-lap. Franz won both the one-lap and two-lap events. Izzo won the 20- and 32-lap. Flocken won the 16-lap and had a second in the eight-lap.

Peewee boy Eric Plouffe had a second in the one-lap and a fourth in the two-lap. Midget boy David Sutherland had a second in the two-lap novice class.

At the National Indoor speed skating championships at Mt. Prospect, Ill., juvenile boy Kurt Hospot qualified for the semi-finals in the 220- and 880-yard events.

MAR 22 1974

Local skaters competing in Canadian event

Four members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club have entered the North American Indoor speed skating championships to be held tomorrow and Sunday in Sainte-Foy, Que., Canada. They are senior woman Joanne Farry, juvenile boy Kurt Hospot, intermediate boy Bruce Flocken and senior man David Izzo.

Mrs. Thomas Ryan, the former Patti Smith, a local speed skating standout and a national clerk of course in the Amateur Skating Union of the United States, and Mrs. Mary T. Smith, a national judge and the secretary-treasurer of the Northern New York Skating Association, have been invited to officiate at the championships.

The events will be held at the Sainte-Foy Arenas, a two-rink complex with headquarters at the Congress Inn (Auberge des Gouverneurs). This is the first time the North American Indoor speed skating championships have been held in the French section of Canada. A field of 400 skaters is expected from the United States and Canada. The meet is sanctioned by the Canadian Amatuer Speed Skating Association and the Amateur Skating Union of the United States.

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee and the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club have given financial assistance to the skaters to help defray their expenses.

Bruce Flocken takes a third at Quebec

Juvenile boy Kurt Hospot of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club finished third in the 200-meter event of the North American championships at Ste. Foy, Que., Canada, this past weekend. Senior woman Joanne Farry qualified for the 400-meter semifinals and intermediate boy Bruce Flocken, the semis in the 1,000-meter.

The field of 320 skaters from the United States and Canada included four from the local club. Three Belgian and three Australian skaters also raced but were not elegible for prizes as they are not North Americans.

MAR 26 1974

MAR 30 1974

Local skaters in two meets

The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club is entered in two champsionship meets this weekend. Six skaters are entered in the Hudson Valley indoor championships today at Murray Memorial Rink in Yonkers, N.Y. Entered are Tracy Hospot, midget girl; Joanne Farry, senior woman; Kurt Hospot, juvenile boy; Bruce Flocken, intermediate boy; Dave Izzo, senior man, and Arnold Franz, peewee boy.

Entered tomorrow in the Middle Atlantic indoor championships at the Riverdale Ice Center in the Bronx are the Misses Hospot and Farry, and Izzo, Flocken and Hospot.

Both events are sanctioned by the Middle Atlantic Association of the Amateur Skating Union of the United States.

APR 2 1974

Parks club skaters take titles

Hospot, Franz, Flocken shine over weekend

Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club members won three division championships and one cochampionship in competitions over the weekend.

Juvenile boy Kurt Hospot took titles Saturday in the Hudson Valley indoor ice-skating championships at Yonkers, N.Y., and in the Middle Atlantic indoor event in the Bronx Sunday. At Yonkers he had firsts in the 440, 660 and 880 and a second in the 220. He won the 440 and 880 and was second in the 220 and 330 in the Bronx.

Arnold Franz took honors in the peewee boys' division at Yonkers and intermediate boy Bruce Flocken was cochampion with John Lovell of Forest Hills, N.Y., in the Middle Atlantic. Franz was the victor in the 110 and 220 and runner-up in the 330. Flocken had wins in the 440 and one-mile, a second in the three-quarter mile and a third in the 880.

Saturday Flocken scored a second in the mile, thirds in the 880 and three-quarter mile and a fourth in the 440. Midget girl Tracy Hospot was fourth in the 440 and 660 Saturday.

The local club will conclude its competition for the season this weekend by participating in the New York State indoor championships at Hicksville, L.I. Club members not going to the final meet should return their uniforms to the Park Department office as soon as possible.

APR 6 1974

Local skaters in year's finale this weekend

The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club will wind up its competition for the season this weekend at the New York State Indoor speed skating championships at Hicksville, Long Island.

Participating for the local club will be Tracy Hospot, midget girl; Kurt Hospot, juvenile boy, and Bruce Flocken, intermediate boy. This will be the final competition for the Hospots in their respective classes as they will move up to a higher class next season.

The races will be held at Nassau County's Cantiague Park ice rink and will start at 1 p.m. today and 12 p.m. tomorrow. The event is sanctioned by the U.S. Amateur Skating Union and the Middle Atlantic Skating Association, Inc., and sponsored by the Middle Atlantic Skating Association. The Cantiague Park ice rink is managed by Ken Label of Lake Placid, N.Y., a former well-known speed skater who has competed many times in Pittsfield. He is also a well-known barrel jumper.

APR 9 1974

Flocken, Hospot close with titles

Intermediate boy Bruce Flocken and juvenile boy Kurt Hospot of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club won division championships in the final competition of the season for the local skaters this past weekend.

Flocken won the 440 and 800-speed and the ¾-mile races and Hospot was first in the 220, 660 and 880 events in the New York State indoor speed skating championships at Hicksville, N.Y.

Tracy Hospot, midget girl, also did very well by winning the 440, placing third in the 550 and fourth in the 220 and 330.

Skaters should return their uniforms and other club equipment to the Parks Department as soon as possible.

Peter Franz to head PPSSC

Peter Franz was elected president of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club at a meeting at Springside House. Raymond Hospot was chosen vice president. Mrs. Carl Peaslee and Mrs. Russell Flocken were re-elected treasurer and secretary respectively. Franz replaces Hospot as president.

Plans were made to hold a banquet for the skaters within the month at a time and place to be determined. Plans also were made for fund-raising projects during the summer months.

A learn-to-skate program for boys and girls kindergarten age through Grade 6 will be conducted in October.

APR 12 1974

Dobelle calls for hockey rink to be built near North Jr. High

APR 20 1974

By Mike Meserole

SPORTS

Mayor Evan Dobelle believes that the city can build a second hockey rink for under $100,000 and chose last night's testimonial dinner in honor of the Pittsfield High 1974 Western-Central state Division II hockey champions to announce that he is actively pursuing such a facility.

The PHS dinner and awards session at the American Legion home officially celebrated the General's spectacular march to the state finals last March before bowing to Acton-Boxboro in the title game.

The festivities were marked by congratulatory speeches by former Pittsfield principal and Hennessy Divison namesake Harold Hennessy and PHS faculty manager of athletics Frank Moynihan (in abstentia), a dispensing of individual trophies to the players by coach Don Murphy, the players presents to coaches Murphy, Jim Anderson, Bill Broderick and trainer Mike Pomerleau, and a talk by guest speaker Len Ceglarski, the head coach at Boston College.

A-year-in-review poem by master of ceremonies Jim Guinan and radio highlights by WBEC broadcaster Bill Graulty also were rendered.

But the main news of the evening was Dobelle's rink announcement.

"We're looking into the feasibility of building a new hockey facility," said the mayor, "and will apply for federal revenue sharing funds to meet construction costs."

The proposed rink, as laid out by Dobelle, would be a rink with a roof and no sides or bleachers. He is hopeful that the seating could be supplied through the efforts of city service clubs.

The most likely site for the rink, according to the mayor, is behind North Junior High. And he envisions a third complex out at Brattlebrook Park if things go smoothly with the North Jr. High rink.

"I'd love to build a full-fledged arena," concluded Dobelle, "but we can't afford it. We want to build a rink as inexpensively as possible, charge minimal fees for ice time, and hopefully have it ready for operation by the start of next season."

The mayor's rink plans are based primarily on cost estimates by a few advisers, and guaranteed federal funds will be needed to build the rink. But the city appears to be determined to construct a new skating facility.

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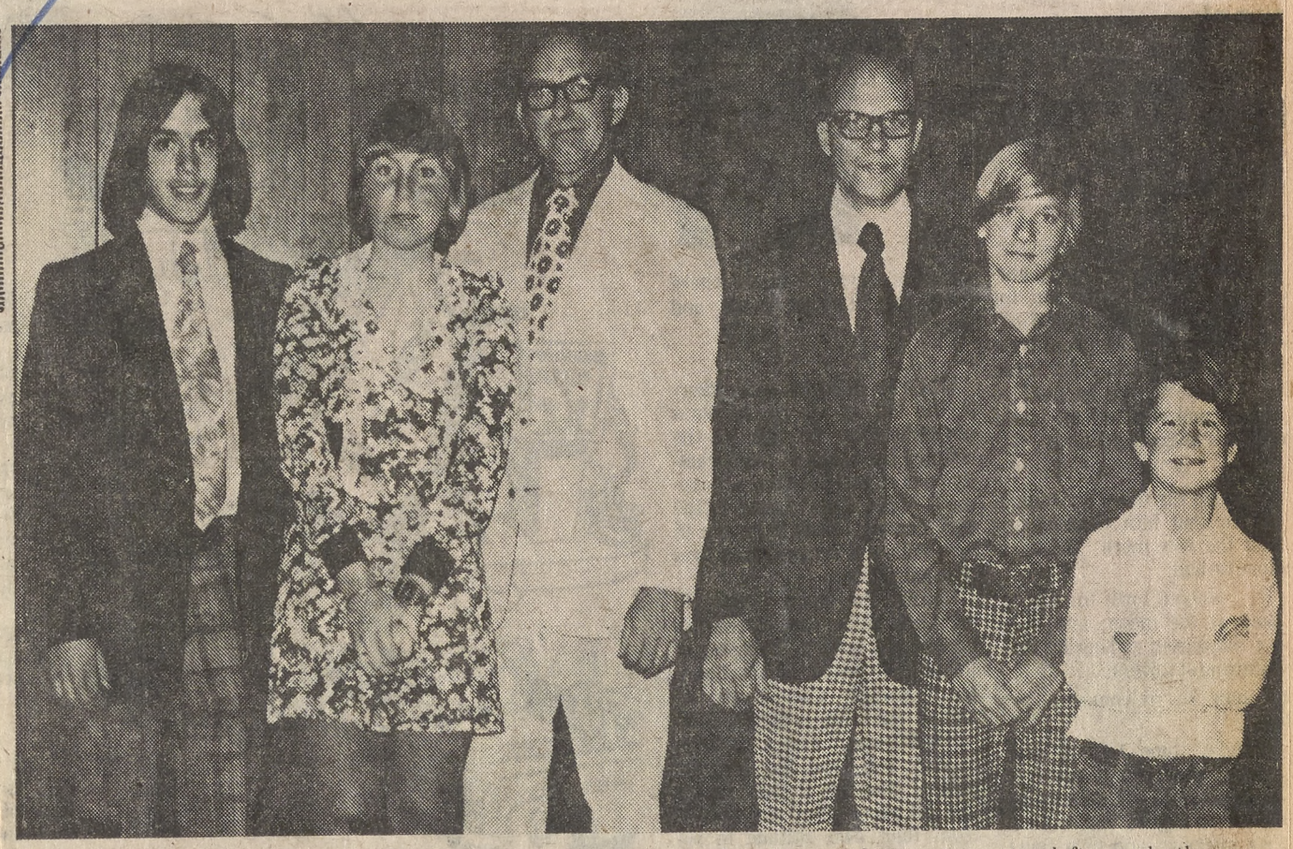
Speed-skaters slate bicycle ride Sunday

The Pittsfield Parks Speed-Skating Club will start the season with a bicycle ride on Sunday, weather permitting.

All past and present members are invited. The ride will start at 2 p.m. from the home of club president Peter B. Franz of 393 Crane Avenue. The ride is expected to last about two hours and will be geared for persons of all ages.

The club will start its regular indoor practice sessions late in October.

Information about the club is available at bike ride on Sunday or from the Department of Parks and Recreation office or the club president.



TOP LOCAL SPEED SKATERS for the 1973-74 season were honored last night as the Pittsfield Speed Skating Club held its season - ending banquet at the GEAA. Recognized for outstanding seasons were Bruce Flocken (far left), Joanne Farry, Kurt Hospot (second from right), and Arnold Franz (far right). Outgoing club president Raymond Hospot (center left) made the presentations. Master of ceremonies was Carl Peaslee (center right) who represented the Northern New York Speed Skating Association's racing committee. Forty attended.

MAY 18 1974

Hospot, Flocken, Franz top skaters as Speed Skating Club makes awards

The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club ended its season last night with an awards banquet at the GEAA clubhouse. Forty members attended.

Chosen as the top skaters for the 1973-74 campaign were Kurt Hospot, Bruce Flocken and Arnold Franz.

Hospot won six championships with a total of 117 points in the juvenile boys' division. Flocken had two titles, two co-championships, and 114 points in the intermediate boys' class. Franz, a newcomer this season, won four titles and had 76 points while competing in only five meets as a pee wee.

The three boys and Joanne Farry, senior women's indoor champion, were announced as recipients of jackets from the Northern New York Skating Association because of their high point totals in sanctioned New York meets. Carl Peaslee, master of ceremonies for the dinner and a member of the New York association, made the announcement.

The New York group will present certificates to Flocken, David Izzo, Eric Plouffe, Hospot, and John Miraglia for being runners-up in sanctioned meets.

Other speakers were outgoing president of the local group, Raymond Hospot; newly elected president Peter Franz; and park superintendent, Vincent Hebert. Gerald McConkey, a local magician, entertained.

Other winners

Other points winners during the seasons follow: Tracy Hospot, midget girl, one championship and 19 points; Izzo, senior man, one title, 11 points and two consolation points; Miss Farry, 28 points.

Also Plouffe, pee wee boy, seven points; Miraglia, midget boy, four points; and David Sutherland, midget boy, three novice points. Plouffe and Sutherland were new club members this year.

Other members competing were senior man George Betti; midget boys, Michael Brennan and Jimmy Brown; and pee wee girl, Kathy Brown.

The Pittsfield club scored a total of 376 points and won 14 championships and two co-championships this season. It won the Northern New York association's team patch twice. It was represented in 17 meets including the National Indoor at Chicago, and the North American Indoor at Ste. Foy, Quebec, Canada.

OCT 1 1974

Skaters plan meeting for tomorrow night

The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. at the Springside House, 874 North Street. Boys and girls, regardless of age or ability to skate, interested in speed skating are welcome to attend. Final plans will be made for the learn-to-skate clinic to be sponsored by the club later this month at the Boys' Club rink. Plans will also be completed for the balloon sale at the annual Halloween parade. Profits from the sale will help defray skaters' expenses during the season for traveling expenses, skates, etc.

Further information may be obtained by calling the Department of Parks and Recreation office.

Skate clinic is slated for club

OCT 8 1974

The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club will conduct a learn-to-skate clinic on Tuesday, Oct. 22 and Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Boys' Club skating rink, it was announced by club president, Peter Franz.

Registration for the program will be Thursday, Oct. 10 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Department of Parks and Recreation office, 874 North St.

Each session will consist of one half-hour lesson and one half-hour practice time. On Wednesday there will be fun races for the participants and following their scheduled ice session, a short film on speed skating will be shown. Members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club will instruct the sessions. Children participating will not be concentrating on the elements of speed skating, but will be learning the very basics of skating in general. A nominal registration fee which is payable at registration will be charged for this clinic.

No phone registrations will be accepted Thursday. If the quota is not filled Thursday evening, registrations will be taken by phone Friday. Further information may be obtained from the Department of Parks and Recreation office.

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Five local representatives at NNYSSA fall meeting

SPORTS

Thirty-eight persons, five from Pittsfield, attended the fall meeting of the Northern New York State Skating Association Sunday at Syracuse, N.Y., at the home of president John M. Byrne. Pittsfield residents present were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peaslee and Mrs. Mary T. Smith.

Mrs. Smith has been appointed secretary - treasurer of the association for the fifth consecutive year. She also is secretary of the Eastern Schedule committee. Mrs. Peaslee represented Northern New York at a meeting at Albany Sept. 22.

Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Peaslee and Ryan have been approved as association clerks of the course and Russell Flocken as a timer.

National officials

At the annual convention of the Amateur Skating Union held in May at Bloomington, Minn., Mrs. Ryan, the former Patti Smith, was appointed a national clerk of course and Mr. and Mrs. Peaslee, Robert Deloye, Vincent Hebert, James Farry and Mrs. Smith were named national judges.

Awards to last season's champions included four members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club. They were Arnold Franz, peewee overall champion (most points indoors and outdoors) and indoor champions Bruce Flocken, intermediate, Kurt Hospot, juvenile, and Joanne Farry, senior.

Runners-up to the champions were awarded certificates. Pittsfield recipients were senior David Izzo and peewee Eric Plouffe, indoors, and Focken, Hospot and midget John Miraglia, outdoors.

The Eastern meet schedule, which is subject to change, is as follows:

Nov. 28, Annual Turkey Trot events, Prospect Park, N.Y.C.; Nov. 30/Dec. 1, Indoor Meet at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.; Dec. 7, Maryland Free State championships, Baltimore; 7-8, International Indoor, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada; 14-15, New York State Indoor, Binghamton; 14-15 Holiday Open, West Allis, Wisc; 21 or 22, Indoor meet at Stamford, Conn. (tentative); 28-29, U.S. Olympic Style Meet, West Allis, Wisc.

Jan. 4-5, Eastern Seaboard Outdoor, Lake Placid, N.Y.; 11-12, Eastern States Outdoor, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; 18-19, Berkshire Hills Outdoor, Pittsfield; 25-26, National Outdoor, St. Paul, Minn.; 25-26, Outdoor meet at Meriden, Conn.

Feb. 1-2, Middle Atlantic Outdoor, Newburgh, N.Y.; 8-9, Metric meet, Newburgh, N.Y.; 15-26, Diamond Trophy Outdoor, Lake Placid, (afternoon), Senior Olympics Outdoor, Lake Placid, (morning); 17, Washington's Birthday 5-Mile Carnival, Prospect Park, N.Y.C.; 17, Indoor meet, Albany, N.Y. (tentative); 22-23, Indoor meet, Utica, N.Y.; 22-23, North American Outdoor, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Mar. 1-2, Pittsfield Indoor, Lenox; 8-

National Indoor, Champaign, Ill.; 8, Atlantic Coast Indoor, Bridgeport, Conn.; 9, Indoor meet, Hamden, Conn; 15-16, Eastern Seaboard Indoor, Hicksville, N.Y.; 22-23, North American Indoor, Lake Placid; 29, Hudson Valley Indoor, Yonkers, N.Y.; 30, Middle Atlantic Indoor, Riverdale, N.Y.; Apr. 5-6, Indoor meet at Ramapo, N.Y. (tentative).

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OCT 22 1974

PPSSC slates first practices

Alex Goguen to coach team this season

The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club will begin its 1974-75 indoor practice sessions Thursday afternoon at 4:45 at the Wilde Sports Center at Lenox according to Peter Franz, club president. The second session will be next Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. at the Boys' Club rink.

The weekly Thursday sessions at Lenox will run from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. and at the Pittsfield Boys' Club Tuesday from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Anyone interested in speed skating is welcome to attend these practice sessions.

Franz also announced that Alex Goguen, a well-known speed skater for the local club, will coach the club this season. Goguen was one of the original members of the local club when it was organized 30 years ago by former park superintendent Jackson Perry.

There are still a few vacancies left for the learn-to-skate clinic to be held this evening and tomorrow night from 6:30 to 7:30 at the Boys' Club rink. The sessions will be under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Franz and Miss Andrea Snell, recreation supervisor for the Department of Parks and Recreation. Anyone interested in the learn-to-skate program may register at the rink this evening. A small registration fee will be charged.

DEC 17 1974

PPSSC opens its 30th season

The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club began its 30th season by competing in the New York State indoor speed-skating championships in Endicott, N.Y., over the weekend.

Pittsfield's three representatives all scored points in the event. Bruce Flocken, intermediate boy, had a second in the ¾ mile, thirds in the 440- and 880-yard competition. Pony boy Arnold Franz, skating in the pony class for the first time, had a fourth in the 440. Arnold's older brother, Karl, had a fourth in the midget class 220. This was his first speed-skating competition.

The meet was held at the Broome County ice-skating rink at Grippen Park and sponsored by the Binghamton Speed Skating Club under the auspices of the Broome County Department of Parks and Recreation and sanctioned by the Middle Atlantic Skating Association, Inc., of the U.S. Amateur Skating Union.

The Pittsfield club will welcome anyone interested in speed-skating, regardless of age or ability, to attend its weekly indoor practice sessions Tuesdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Boys' Club skating rink and Thursdays from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. at the Wilde Sports Center in Lenox.

Pittsfield Speed Skating Club sees brighter future with new members

By Jan Tavalin

The Pittsfield Parks Department Speed Skating Club has been in a recession the past few seasons. The local organization, which fielded a string of highly competitive teams during the 1960s, has like the economy, fallen on hard times.

But there are signs that better times may be just around the corner. The addition of six new members has swelled the ranks of this year's team to 14. The newcomers, all boys ranging in age from seven to 11, will result in a relatively young team without much experience. Ten of the 14 members are under 12 and only four will have more than two years' experience in sanctioned meets. But the influx of a substantial number of new faces should produce new spirit and interest in the team, and could help to reverse the downhill trend.

Last season's two most successful competitors, Arnold Franz and Kurt Hospot, have moved to higher classifications and may have difficulty adjusting to the stronger competition. Franz, who had a sensational rookie campaign last season, winning championships in four of the five meets he participated in (including both local events), has advanced from Peewee to Pony Boy, where he will be pitted against contestants both his age, eight and one year his senior.

A Junior Boy

Hospot, who at 14 enters his eighth year as a speed skater, advances to the tough Junior Boy division. In addition, Hospot has been concentrating on the Boys' Club hockey program and will likely limit his speed skating activity to a few area meets.

Local followers are pinning their hopes on Intermediate Bruce Flocken and Senior Joanne Farry. The 17-year-old Flocken took home two championships and shared two others in this class last season and Pittsfield fans are optimistic that he will be ready to come into his own in this, his ninth year. Miss Farry, who has rolled up an impressive string of championships the past decade, had little success in her debut as a Senior last winter, but is expected to show steady improvement.

Joanne, who will turn 20 in February, is entering her 17th year of competition.

Other returnees are David Izzo, a 26-year-old BCC student back for his third year in the Senior division; Midget Boy Jimmy Brown, who at 11 will enter his sixth year on the ice; his 7-year-old sister Kathy competing for her third and last season in the Peewee division and 8-year-old Eric Plouffe, who advances from Peewee to Pony class.

Four of the six newcomers are in the midget class. They are 11-year-old Rick Milesi and Dave Sutherland and 10-year-olds Karl Franz and Peter Jakubowicz. Franz is Arnold's younger brother. Jakubowicz is the son of Councilman Robert F. Jakubowicz.

Others are 9-year-old Pony Boy Billy Cone and 7-year-old Peewee Boy Greg Ryer. Cone is said to have shown considerable promise in early drills.

Pleased with additions

Coach Alex Goguen, who is pleased to see so many young players join the team, said he is already stressing that "it takes a lot of hard work to be on top."

This year's squad will be without the services of three past standouts. John and Dan Miraglia, who showed considerable promise a few years back, but saw little success last winter, have left the team and will concentrate on basketball and hockey. Also absent is Tracy Hospot, a tough competitor during the early '70s, who had an uneventful comeback attempt last season, following a one-year layoff.

The first major meet will be the Eastern Seaboard Outdoor Championships at Lake Placid, N.Y., the weekend of Jan. 4-5. The Berkshire Hills Outdoor championships are scheduled for Jan. 18-19 on Pontoosuc Lake; the Pittsfield Indoor championships will be held at the Wilde Sports Arena in Lenox on March 1-2. Both local events are a part of the Pittsfield Winter Carnival.

The Pittsfield schedule:

Jan. 4-5, Eastern Seaboard Outdoor Championships, Lake Placid, N.Y.; 11-12, Eastern States Outdoor, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; 18-19, Berkshire Hills Outdoor, Pittsfield; 25-26, National Outdoor, St. Paul, Minn.; 25-26, Meridan Outdoor, Meriden, Conn.

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Parks Speed Skating Club roster

CLASS	NAME	ADDRESS	Age	Year Cmptn.	1974 C'shps.
Senior	David Izzo	3 Easton Ave.	26	3	1
Senior	Joanne Farry	98 Benedict Rd.	20	17	0
Intermd.	Bruce Flocken	515 Pomeroy Ave.	17	9	4**
Junior	Kurt Hospot*	75 Narragansett Ave.	14	8	6
Midget	Jimmy Brown	Pittsfield	11	6	0
Midget	Rick Milesi	Second Street	11	1#	—
Midget	Dave Sutherland	100 Anita Drive	11	1#	—
Midget	Karl Franz	393 Crane Ave.	10	1#	—
Midget	Peter Jakubowicz	88 Northumberland Rd.	10	1#	—
Pony	Arnold Franz*	393 Crane Ave.	8	2	4
Pony	Billy Cone	344 Cheshire Rd.	9	1#	—
Pony	Eric Plouffe*	24 Westover St.	8	2	0
Peewee	Kathy Brown	Pittsfield	7	3	0
Peewee	Greg Ryer	27 Westover St.	7	1#	—

*Moved to higher class this season
**Includes two cochampionships
#Indicates rookie status

MAY 4 1974

Women's softball team gets bid to nationals

The Pittsfield women's slow-pitch softball team, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation has been invited to represent Massachusetts this year in the Women's national invitational slow-pitch softball tournament at Louisville, Ky., Aug. 30 to Sept. 2.

The team has been in existence since 1969 when it was sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Dalton CRA. From 1969, when the team played only two other teams, to last season when it played six teams in the Amateur Softball Association sanctioned Women's Bi-State League, the squad has grown. Last year, it finished fourth out of 14 teams entered in the state tournament.

Assistance needed

To accept the invitation and represent both Pittsfield and the state in the tournament, the team is soliciting donations from the community. Tickets are on sale by team members for a cash-prize drawing which will take place on Saturday, July 27, at Clapp Park. Individual team members will also ask local merchants for their help. Each girl will try to obtain her own sponsor among local businesses.

Anyone interested in making donations should contact the Park Department as soon as possible. It is the first time a Pittsfield women's team has been invited to participate in the nationals and the financial support of the community is needed to make the trip possible.

MAY 2 8 1974

Girls' softball organizing for league play

Girls between the ages of 10 and 15 who were not able to register for the Girls Softball League last week may sign up at the two scheduled practices this week Wednesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. on the upper playing fields behind North Junior High School. This is the last opportunity to sign up.

The program is sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and will meet on Wednesday and Thursday evenings through midsummer. From the girls in the league, an all-star team will be selected which will play teams from neighboring towns and will participate in an ASA girls softball tournament in Northampton. Director of the program for the Park Department is Miss Cheryl A. Donald.

JUN 1 0 1974

Women win two

Pittsfield softball team sweeps pair from Superstars

The Pittsfield women's slow pitch softball team opened its 1974 season by sweeping a doubleheader from the J & K Superstars of Northampton by scores of 12-1 and 13-9.

In the first game, Shauna Gregory had a triple and two singles and Joann Farry added a pair of singles to lead Pittsfield at bat. Fran Smith went the distance for the pitching win.

In the second half of the twinbill, Pittsfield got these runs in the first inning and was never behind. They gave their fans a scare in the sixth when they allowed a 10-2 lead to dwindle to 10-9 before scoring three more times. Judy Breen had a home run and a single for Pittsfield, with Cheryl Donald contributing a double and a single, Chris Lacy three singles and Lisa Perrott a home run. In her debut on the mound, Denise Nash was the winning pitcher.

Next weekend Pittsfield will play in an invitational tournament in Northampton against some of the top slow pitch teams in New England.

JUN 18 1974

Local girls lose twice in tourney

Pittsfield's women's slow-pitch softball team suffered successive losses Saturday in a tournament at Northampton.

Pittsfield was defeated by Providence, R.I., in the first game 5-3. Pittsfield pulled three double plays, but could manage only seven hits.

Millers Falls eliminated Pittsfield 5-4. Pittsfield scored all of its runs in the last inning.

Fran Smith was the losing pitcher in both games. Judy Breen led Pittsfield at bat with two hits in each game. Michele Dennis, Joanne Farry, and Sharon Sullivan had two hits apiece in the second contest.

Part of the Pittsfield team tonight will play against the Housatonic recreational team in Housatonic. On Friday evening, the Pittsfield team will face Westfield at Clapp Park. Starting time will be 6:30.

MAY 8 1974

Women's softball team sets first meeting, practice

An organizational meeting and first practice session for the women's slow-pitch softball team will be held on Tuesday at 6 p.m. on the back field in Clapp Park, it was announced by the sponsoring Department of Parks and Recreation.

The team will again by participating in the ASA sanctioned Women's Bi-State League and has been invited to represent Massachusetts in the women's national invitational slow-pitch tournament in Louisville, Ky., from Aug. 30 to Sept. 2.

Women age 16 and over who are interested should come to this meeting prepared to play. Participants must have reached their 16th birthdays by June. 1

Additional information on the team may be obtained by contacting the Department of Parks and Recreation.

JUN 2 1 1974

Women's ball team to hold bake sale

The women's slow-pitch softball team of the Department of Parks and Recreation will hold a bake sale Saturday at 10 a.m. at Stop & Shop on Merrill Road.

The team is trying to raise $3,500 to pay for its participation in the women's national invitational slow-pitch tournament to be held in Louisville, Ky., from Aug. 30 to Sept. 2

JUN 2 1 1974

Local women play 3 softball tilts this weekend

The Pittsfield women's slow-pitch softball team, which is sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, has three games this weekend. Tonight the local team will meet Westfield at Clapp Park at 6:30. Sunday Pittsfield will play a doubleheader with J & K Superstars at Maines Field, Northampton. The first game will begin at 1.

Slow-pitch softballer does a slow burn

To the Editor of THE EAGLE.—

It seems unbelievable that businesses over Lebanon Mountain are willing to sponsor one member of our women's slow-pitch softball team here in Pittsfield for $50 when team members have been asking Pittsfield businesses for two years and have received very little response Now that we have been selected to represent Massachusetts in the National Class A open tournament in Louisville, Ky., over Labor Day weekend [*Eagle*, May 4], Pittsfield still feels no responsibility in helping the team raise the necessary money.

What is wrong with a city of 56,000 persons that can't put out even in a small way like a small donation to assist the only organized women's team in Pittsfield?

Why do the businesses feel that only the men's teams are worth supporting when they aren't even struggling to raise funds to go anywhere out of Pittsfield?

It's time for an awakening, we do exist but we do need help and only Pittsfield people can make it possible

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MAY 17 1974

JUN 24 1974

Women win two games at 'Hamp

After having a home game against Westfield postponed on Friday night because of wet grounds, the Pittsfield women swept a doubleheader from J & K Superstars yesterday at Northampton.

In the first game, Lynne Shea hit a three-run homer to lead Pittsfield to a 8-5 victory. Judy Breen, with two singles, was the only winning-team hitter with more than one safety. Fran Smith went the distance on the mound for the win.

Pittsfield's bats came alive in the second game. They banged out 15 hits on their way to a 12-1 win. Among the leading hitters were Chris Lacy, with a round-tripper and a single and Lisa Perrott, with three singles. Judy Bramley, Michele Dennis, Cheryl Donald and Kathy Schulteis had two singles apiece in a winning cause. Denise Nash, the winning pitcher, gave up only four hits.

Last Tuesday night the recreation team, which is made up of some of the players on the regular team, beat Housatonic 17-9. Joanne Farry with a home run, a triple and two singles led the winning team. Diane Carey, with four singles, and Denise Nash and Nancy Sadowy, with two singles each, contributed to the 19-hit attack.

The schedule for this week includes a recreation home game against Canaan, Conn., tomorrow night, at Clapp Park. On Saturday, Pittsfield will play a doubleheader in Northampton. Sunday afternoon the women will meet Miller Falls at 2 o'clock at Clapp Park.

Girls softball league to register

Registration for its Amateur Softball Association sanctioned girls' softball league will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, at the North Junior High upper ball field, the Department of Parks and Recreation announced today.

The program is open to all girls between the ages of 10 and 15, and participants must register at Thursday's session if they wish to play in the league.

All participants will be listed on teams expected to play a full schedule of games. In addition, an all-star team will be selected which will play other girls' teams in the area.

Registration Thursday will be held, rain or shine.

All interested adults who wish to work with the program as a coach or in any other volunteer position should plan to attend a 7 p.m. meeting, Wednesday, at Springside House, 874 North St. Those unable to attend should call the Department of Parks and Recreation.

MAY 18 1974

Pittsfield women split two games

The Pittsfield women's softball team divided a doubleheader with Millers Falls Sunday, winning the opener, 5-3, and dropping the second game, 11-7.

The team will meet Cooper's of Northampton at Clapp Park Saturday in a doubleheader commencing at 1 p.m.

Judy Breen with three hits and Shauna Gregory with a two-run double led the victory over Millers Falls. Fran Smith allowed only five hits in gaining the victory.

Chris Lacy hit a home run, and Judy Bramley and Lisa Perrott had two singles apiece in the nightcap. Denise Nash was the losing pitcher.

The organization's recreation team, an alternate unit of younger players, will meet Housatonic tonight at 6:30 at Clapp.

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Park Department seeks adult help for girls' softball

Persons interested in assisting with the Department of Parks and Recreations ASA girls softball league should attend the organizational meeting for coaches and other adults tomorrow night at 7 at the Springside House, 874 North St. The league will be expanding this year and more adult help is needed to assist with the additional teams.

Registration for the league will be held Thursday night at 6 on the upper softball field behind North Junior High School. The league is open to girls between the ages of 10 and 15. Girls unable to attend the organizational meeting but wanting to play in the league should call the Park Department.

JUL 8 19[illegible]

Women win, lose against 'Hamp team

Fran Smith gets fourth victory for Pittsfield

The Pittsfield Women's slow-pitch softball team split with Cooper's Dairy of Northampton Saturday afternoon at Clapp Park bringing its record to 6-2. The home team shut out Northampton, 6-0, in the first game and lost the second game 4-1.

Judy Bramley and Lisa Perrott had two singles each to lead Pittsfield in the first game. Fram Smith gave up only four hits in gaining her fourth win.

In the second game each team had only six hits, but Northampton was able to capitalize on theirs. Cheryl Donald and Shauna Gregory had two singles apeice in a losing effort. Fran Smith absorbed the loss.

Last Tuesday night, the Pittsfield women's alternate team edged Housatonic, 10-9, in a game played at Clapp. Karen Munn with three singles led the attack. Sue Devenez with a double and a single and Nancy Sadowy with two singles contributed to the winning cause. Denise Nash was the winning pitcher.

Pittsfield will go to Westfield for a single game tomorrow.

JUL 10 1974

Women's event on weekend at 2 parks

The Pittsfield women's slow-pitch softball team will sponsor its first Berkshire women's invitational tournament Saturday and Sunday at Lakewood Field and Clapp Park.

The double elimination tournament will have seven teams. In addition to the Pittsfield team, participants will include the Roadrunners of Millers Falls, Cooper's Dairy from Northampton, J&K Superstars of Northampton, Lynn PAL from Lynn and teams from Westwood and Meredith, N.H.

Games will start Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at Lakewood. Other games Saturday at Lakewood will be at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2, 3:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday games at Clapp will start at 2, 5 and 6:30 p.m. All games Sunday will be at Lakewood. Starting times Sunday will be 10 a.m., noon, 3 p.m. and the championship final at 5.

The Pittsfield team has been invited to represent Massachusetts in the women's national invitational slow-pitch tournament in Louisville, Ky., Aug. 30 to Sept. 2. To help raise money for their expenses, team members are selling donation tickets for a cash drawing to be held July 27 at Clapp Park.

JUL 16 1974

Local women capture own softball tourney

Pittsfield's women's softball team swept three games over the weekend to win its own invitational tournament from a field of Massachusetts and New Hampshire teams.

Pittsfield clinched the championship by beating the PAL Drifters of Lynn, 10-3, in the final game Sunday afternoon. The Drifters are the defending state and New England region champions. Trophies were awarded to both teams.

Saturday the local team defeated the Drifters, 11-0, and the J&K Superstars of Northampton, 7-3, in earlier rounds of play.

Shauna Gregory and Judy Bramley led a 15-hit Pittsfield attack in the finals. Each girl slammed three hits. Judy Breen and Lynn Shea had two hits apiece. Linda Madden had three hits for Lynn.

Fran Smith was a route-going winning pitcher in all three games for the local team. Cheryl Donald was the leading hitter with seven hits in the three games.

Lynn gained the title game of the double elimination event with a 4-3 win over the Roadrunners, of Millers Falls. The Roadrunners had eliminated Meredith, N.H., Lakers, 5-2, Sunday morning.

Also entered in the two-day competition played at both Lakewood and Clapp Park were Westwood and Cooper's Dairyland of Northampton.

Pittsfield, coached by Denise Legault, is now 10-4. The next game is Friday against Westfield at Clapp Park at 6:30 p.m.

The results:

SATURDAY

Cooper's (Northampton) 5, Millers Falls 1
Drifters (Lynn) 4, Westwood 1
Superstars (Northampton) 8, Meredith, N.H. 4
Pittsfield 7, Superstars 3
Drifters 8, Cooper's 4
Millers Falls 8, Westwood 0*
Millers Falls 8, Superstars 7*
Meredith, N.H. 7, Cooper's 3*
Pittsfield 11, Drifters 0

Sunday

Millers Falls 5, Meredith, N.H. 2*
Drifters 4, Millers Falls 3*
Pittsfield 10, Drifters 3*
*Loser eliminated

AUG 16 1974

City women hike mark to 9-2

The Pittsfield women's recreation softball team, with four wins in the last two weeks, brought its record for the season 9-2.

Last week they beat Housatonic 19-4 and Canaan, Conn., 13-8. In the first game, the Pittsfield team had 21 hits. Karen Munn with four singles and Sue Devinez with three singles were the leading hitters. Karen Munn, Denise Nash and Barb Wallace with two singles each led the home team in its second win.

On Tuesday Pittsfield shut out Dalton 34-0 with a two hitter. Leading the 25-hit assault were Barb Wallace with five singles and Sue Devinez with a triple and three singles. JoAnn Farry, with a home run and two singles and Pat Thompson, with three singles, contributed to the run production.

In a tight game at Clapp Wednesday night Pittsfield held onto its lead and beat Great Barrington 10-9. Karen Munn and Maureen Nichols were the only home-team players with two hits. Denise Nash was the winning pitcher in all four games.

Next Tuesday at Lakewood Field the Recreation team will close its season when it tries to avenge a 5-4 loss to West Stockbridge. Game time will be 6:30.

AUG 27 1974

Pittsfield headed for Louisville

Women's slow-pitch team will represent Mass. on Thursday

The 18-player Pittsfield women's slow-pitch softball team will represent Massachusetts in the National Class A tournament in Louisville, Ky., Thursday.

The Pittsfield club wound up its regular-season schedule Sunday by sweeping a doubleheader from Greenfield 9-2 and 8-2. The wins gave Pittsfield a 17-7 record for the year.

Home runs did the damage in both games. Lisa Perrott blasted one in each game, a solo shot in the first and a two-run number in the second, while Shauna Gregory and Michele Dennis each stroked three-run homers in the nightcap. Ms. Perrott also had a double and a triple in the first game.

The winning pitchers for Pittsfield were Denise Nash in the opener and Fran Smith in the closer.

The alternate women's club ended it's regular season last Tuesday night by dropping a 9-6 decision to West Stockbridge. Karen Munn and Kathy Schultheis each had a pair of singles in the losing cause. The alternates finished with a 9-3 record.

JUL 22 1974

City women in 11th win by 19-0

In their first game since Pittsfield was victorious in their invitational tournament, the home team shut out Westfield 19-0 Friday night at Clapp Park. Fran Smith and Denise Nash shared pitching duties and gave up only one hit. The home team played 18 players in gaining their 11th victory.

Jo Ann Farry with a double and two singles was the leading hitter. Judy Breen and Michele Dennis with two singles each contributed to the 15-hit attack.

Last Tuesday night the Canaan, Conn., women squeaked by the Pittsfield Recreation team 13-12 at Canaan. Debby Connor and Barbara Wallace had three singles apiece in a losing cause. Debby Connor, the losing pitcher, gave up only six hits, but errors led to the Pittsfield team's downfall.

Tomorrow at Clapp, the Recreation team will play Housatonic at 6:30 p.m. The regular team will resume its schedule Saturday when it takes on Manchester, Conn., state champs.

The drawing of the winners of the benefit which the women have been running will take place then. Game time will be at 2 at Clapp Park.

JUL 31 1974

Women split in softball

The Pittsfield women's recreation team split two games this past week, beating Housatonic 6-1 at Clapp Park and losing to West Stockbridge 5-4.

In the Housatonic match, Diane Carey, Nancy Sadowy and Barbara Wallace had two singles each to lead the home team. Denise Nash went the distance on the mound for the win.

Last Tuesday, Pittsfield was held to three hits with Diane Carey, Jo Ann Farry and Karen Munn getting the only safeties. Denise Nash absorbed the loss.

Even though Manchester, Conn., failed to show up for last Saturday's doubleheader, the benefit drawing was still held at Clapp Park. Beverly Jenks of Windsor won $50, Sally Sheridan of Pittsfield won $30 and Fenn & Fourth Cafe won $20.

On Friday, the recreation team has a game at Clapp Park against Dalton. The team travels to Rutland, Vt., on Sunday to play Gilly's Girls, the 1974 Vermont State Champs.

Marge Kilmer was the winning pitcher for West Stockbridge, which has a 5-0 record. Robin Korte was a standout with a home run.

The defensive standout was a double play by Robin Korte, Debby Tarnower and Joan Chapman.

AUG 6 1974

Women win second game of twin bill

Local softballers split with Gilly's at Rutland, Vt.

The Pittsfield women's slow-pitch softball team split a doubleheader with last year's Vermont state champions, Gilly's Girls of Rutland, Sunday at Rutland. Pittsfield won the second game, 7-4, in 10 innings, after losing the opener, 3-2.

The local team scored three times in the 10th for its win. Denise Nash hurled the last four innings to receive credit for the win in relief of Fran Smith. Lisa Perrott cracked a triple and single, and Judy Bramley, Judy Breen and Shauna Gregory had two singles each for Pittsfield.

Michele Dennis had three straight hits in the opener, while Bramley and Lynne Shea had two singles each. Smith was the losing pitcher despite allowing only five hits.

The recreation team recently defeated Great Barrington, 14-3, and Wayside Cafe of Dalton, 28-0. Diane Carey with five hits in the two contests, and Barb Wallace with a home run, triple and single were the leading hitters.

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The recreation team plays at Housatonic tonight and against Canaan, Conn., at Lakewood Field Thursday. The regular team will resume play Saturday at Greenfield.

AUG 19 1974

Pittsfield women split four

The Pittsfield women's slow-pitch softball team lost a doubleheader to Greenfield on Aug. 11 and then last Saturday swept a doubleheader from Northampton.

In the first game against Greenfield, which Pittsfield lost 8-6, Lisa Perrott, with three singles, and Judy Breen, with two singles, were the leading hitters. Fran Smith was the losing pitcher. In the second game, a 3-2 loss, Shauna Gregory, with a home run and a single, was the leading hitter. Denise Nash and Lisa Perrott had two singles. Denise Nash absorbed the loss.

Against Northampton, the home team won the first game 9-2. Michele Dennis had four singles to lead the attack. Judy Bramley, Cheryl Donald and Shauna Gregory each had two singles. Fran Smith went the route for the win.

Pittsfield took the second game 8-2, Shauna Gregory, with two doubles and a single, and Judy Breen, with three singles, led the 17-hit attack. Chris Lacy, with a single and a home run, Michele Dennis, Lisa Perrott and Sharon Sullivan with two singles apiece, contributed to the winning effort. Defensively, Pittsfield turned two doubleplays. Denise Nash was the winning pitcher.

SEP 4 1974

Pittsfield 10 eliminated in Louisville

The Pittsfield women's slow-pitch softball team returned from the National Class A tournament in Louisville, Ky., Monday night after being eliminated in two games.

In the opening round of the tourney Saturday morning, Pittsfield lost to Charlie's Lassies of West Virginia 4-1. The Lassies scored three times in the first inning and outhit the local girls 10-7. Lisa Perrott was the only Pittsfield player to get two hits. Fran Smith was the losing pitcher.

Later Saturday afternoon, in the losers' bracket the Louisville Steelers eliminated Pittsfield from further consideration by an 8-4 score, posting an 11-5 advantage in hitting. Chris Lacy had two hits, including a triple, for Pittsfield. Denise Nash took the loss.

JUL 12 1974

Women whip Whip City in softball

Lisa Perrott belted a homer, triple and single and Kathy Schultheis, a triple and two singles as the local woman's softball team trounced Westfield, 15-6, Tuesday in the Whip City.

Also contributing to Pittsfield's 17-hit assault were Chris Lacy with a triple and a single, and Judy Bramley, Judy Breen and Joanne Farry with two singles apiece.

Denise Nash went the distance on the mound.

Volleyball program scheduled for women

The Department of Parks and Recreation will conduct a volleyball program for women at North Junior High School on 10 consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning Sept. 18.

The program will take place from 7 until 9 p.m. It is open to women 18 years of age and older and high school graduates. A Park Department spokesman said interested women can register by calling the department office. A fee will be charged.

SEP 14 1974